other instrument creating the trust shall be considered as a single trust. After any shares have been set apart or divided, to be held in separate trust, each separate trust set apart shall be considered as a single trust.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 684

(House Bill 787)

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Unique Class of Employees

FOR the purpose of providing that if a class is unique to one agency, the Secretary of Personnel may permit the agency to recruit, examine and certify a list of eligible persons to be considered for appointment to that unique class.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A — Merit System Section 17(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 17(a) of Article 64A — Merit System, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

17.

(a) Whenever a vacancy in any position in the classified service is to be filled, the appointing authority shall make requisition upon the Secretary of Personnel for eligibles. The Secretary shall thereupon certify to the appointing authority the names and addresses of the five persons standing highest upon the eligible list for the class in which the position is found, or if there be less than five, then such name or names as may be on such list, and said appointing