

~~ARTICLE AND OF ARTICLE 73B OF THE CODE, ENTITLED "PENSIONS";~~

~~(2) BE CLASSIFIED IN THE JOB CLASSIFICATION IN THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM WHICH IS COMMENSURATE WITH OR HIGHER THAN THE PRESENT JOB CLASSIFICATION HELD BY THE EMPLOYEE AND BE COMMENSURATE WITH OR GREATER THAN CURRENT JOB FUNCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OR SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES;~~

~~(3) BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED AS SUCH EMPLOYEES OF BALTIMORE CITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING (I) COMPENSATION RATES (INCLUDING LONGEVITY STEPS), (II) THE BASIC RATES FOR ANNUAL LEAVE, (III) THE STATUTORY PERIOD REQUIRED FOR THE VESTING OF RETIREMENT INTERESTS, AND (IV) SICK LEAVE CREDIT EARNINGS PROVIDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE;~~

~~(4) RECEIVE NEITHER ANY DIMINUTION IN COMPENSATION SOLELY AS A RESULT OF THIS TRANSFER NOR ANY DIMINUTION IN THE AMOUNTS OF ACCUMULATED ANNUAL OR SICK LEAVE CREDITED TO EACH EMPLOYEE AT THE TIME OF TRANSFER; BUT NO ACCUMULATED ANNUAL LEAVE OR SICK LEAVE MAY BE CREDITED TO THE EMPLOYEES IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT OF ACCUMULATION PERMITTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE. ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM.~~

(B) ANY EMPLOYEE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION. PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED A PROBATIONARY PERIOD WITH BALTIMORE CITY SHALL SERVE THE NORMAL PROBATIONARY PERIOD UPON TRANSFER. EACH EMPLOYEE SHALL BE PLACED IN THAT CLASSIFICATION WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO, OR MOST CLOSELY COMPARES WITH, THE EMPLOYEE'S FORMER POSITION IN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

EMPLOYEES SO TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT SUFFER A DIMINUTION OF SALARY OR WAGES, ACCRUED PAID LEAVE WHETHER EARNED OR GRANTED, OR SENIORITY RIGHTS. ANY INCREASE IN SALARY OR WAGES GRANTED SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 1977, MAY BE RETAINED UPON APPOINTMENT TO THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL. THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL SHALL CONSIDER THE MONETARY VALUE OF ANY AND ALL OTHER BENEFITS, ENTITLEMENTS, SERVICES OR PREROGATIVES AND, AT HIS DISCRETION AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE MAY TAKE SUCH VALUES OR ANY PORTION THEREOF INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF SALARY UPON APPOINTMENT. ONCE THE RATE OF SALARY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UPON APPOINTMENT, THE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS PROVIDED TO CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 64A OF THE CODE.

(C) THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TRANSFERRED SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE 73B OF THIS CODE, AND SHALL TRANSFER ALL CONTRIBUTIONS AS PROVIDED IN § 32A OF ARTICLE 73B.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.