

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

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(A) AS OF JULY 1, 1978, PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SOMERSET COUNTY, WHO OPERATE STATE-OWNED EQUIPMENT USED IN THE PERMANENT STATE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO A COMPARABLE POSITION IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE WITHOUT EXAMINATION OR FURTHER QUALIFYING REQUIREMENT.

~~(B) THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL SHALL CLASSIFY THESE EMPLOYEES IN THE APPROPRIATE EXISTING CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16 OF THIS ARTICLE. THE SALARY FOR THESE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THIS SECTION. THESE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE APPOINTED TO POSITIONS IN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION. THE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE PLACED IN THE STATE CLASSIFICATION THAT IS COMPARABLE IN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE EMPLOYEE'S FORMER POSITION.~~

~~(E) THE EMPLOYEES MAY NOT SUFFER A DIMINUTION OF SALARY OF WAGES, ACCRUED LEAVE, WHETHER EARNED OR GRANTED, OF SENIORITY RIGHTS. ANY INCREASE IN SALARY OR WAGES GRANTED SUBSEQUENT TO PASSAGE OF THE LEGISLATION ENABLING THE TRANSFER, MAY BE RETAINED ON APPOINTMENT TO THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE ONLY IF THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL APPROVES. THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL SHALL CONSIDER THE MONETARY VALUE OF ANY AND ALL OTHER BENEFITS, ENTITLEMENTS, SERVICES OR PRIVILEGES AND, AT HIS DISCRETION AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE, MAY CONSIDER THESE VALUES OR A PORTION OF THEM WHEN ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF SALARY ON APPOINTMENT. AFTER APPOINTMENT, THE EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS PROVIDED TO CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHED BY THIS ARTICLE.~~

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

Approved May 29, 1978.

CHAPTER 907

(House Bill 918)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Housing Rehabilitation