

injury which would result in his absence from duty for a period of time exceeding that provided in subsection (a) with pay, that employee, with the approval of the head of the department or agency of the State in which he is employed, may appeal to the Secretary of Personnel for an extension of SICK leave with SICK pay.

(2) [The Secretary,] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, after being satisfied as to the merits of the case, THE SECRETARY may authorize an extension of SICK leave with SICK pay up to one year[, including the leave allowed under subsection (a)].

(3) WHEN ADDED TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LEAVE DAYS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED FOR THE EMPLOYEE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE NUMBER OF EXTENDED SICK LEAVE DAYS GRANTED THE EMPLOYEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT PROVIDE FOR A TOTAL NUMBER OF LEAVE DAYS THAT EXCEED 1 YEAR.

(g) (1) An employee who, in the actual performance of his job duties, sustains an accidental personal injury which would be compensable under the Maryland Workmen's Compensation Law in Article 101 of the Code, shall be granted accident leave with full SICK pay if, after medical examination, a physician certifies that the injury or accident disables the employee.

(2) Accident leave shall be granted from the date of the job related injury until a physician certifies that the employee is healed and physically able to return to work, but may not be extended beyond one year from the injury date. The employer's physician may examine the injured employee periodically to determine the progress of and length of time necessary for his recovery.

(3) The injured employee shall not receive temporary total benefits under workmen's compensation while receiving full SICK pay under this [section] SUBSECTION.

(H) EXCEPT IF THE SICK LEAVE IS TAKEN AT THE OPTION OF THE EMPLOYEE BECAUSE OF A DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY, ANY PAYMENT OF SICK PAY MADE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE AS A SEPARATE BENEFIT ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT DISABILITY AND NOT AS A CONTINUATION OF SALARY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 36(b) through (h), respectively, of Article 73B - Pensions, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 36(c) through (i), respectively.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: