

DISABILITY OR, AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBSECTION, BECAUSE OF A DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE EMPLOYEE. Before receiving any SICK pay for the period of absence, an employee using three or more consecutive working days sick leave in any 30-day period shall present an original certificate signed personally by any of the following licensed medical providers: physician, physical therapist, dentist, or oral surgeon, or by any of the following certified medical providers: clinical psychologist, chiropractor or podiatrist, or by an accredited Christian Science practitioner.

(III) The Secretary of the Department of Personnel may advance up to 60 days of sick leave to an employee in any calendar year for a serious disability, ailment or illness.

(c) (1) [The] IN ADDITION TO THE SICK LEAVE AND OTHER LEAVE THAT OTHERWISE IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE Secretary of Personnel may by rule provide for granting [leaves of absence for longer periods] EXTENDED PERIODS OF SICK LEAVE with SICK pay or with part SICK pay to employees who may be disabled either through injury or illness as a result of, or arising from their respective employment[; and].

(2) THE SECRETARY shall make such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this [section] SUBSECTION.

(e) (1) If any employee who has been in the State service for not less than ten years suffers an illness or 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