

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 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 73B - Pensions

36.

The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this subtitle, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) The term "wages" means all remuneration for employment as defined herein, including the cash value of all remuneration paid in any medium other than cash, except that such terms shall not include SICK PAY AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL NOT INCLUDE that part of such remuneration which, even if it were for "employment" within the meaning of the Federal Contributions Act, would not constitute "wages" within the meaning of that act.

(B) THE TERM "SICK PAY" MEANS ANY PAYMENT MADE TO AN EMPLOYEE ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT DISABILITY AS AUTHORIZED UNDER ~~ARTICLE 64A, § 37 OF THE CODE~~ THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.