suspended for 1 year insofar as they impose a time limit for placing under contract the following project:

For the renovation, restoration, repair, and equipping of a building located at 801 McCullough Street in Baltimore City for use as a drama school, art center, and costume design and scenery workshop.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the project affected by the Section 1 of this Act is described in this Act by reference only; and the reference includes the full description of the project, including any restrictions or conditions set forth in Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1979. There is allowed an additional period of 1 year beginning on the effective date of this Act, for placing the projects listed in the preceding Section under contract. If the project is not placed under contract within the 1 year period, then the project is abandoned. To the extent that the bond evidencing the portion of the loan authorized by Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1979 attributable to an abandoned project is not issued at the end of that 1 year period, the total bond authorized by the Act, but not yet issued, shall be reduced by the amount specified for the abandoned project.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

## CHAPTER 577

(Senate Bill 1022)

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Religious Observance

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Personnel to promulgate rules and regulations providing for certain work schedules so that a State employee can take off time for religious observance and make up the time; providing a method for the employee to make up the time; providing for certain exceptions to this Act; and defining certain terms.

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System Section 37B