the bank such unauthorized signature or indorsement or such alteration.

(5) If under this section a payor bank has a valid defense against a claim of a customer upon or resulting from payment of an item and waives or fails upon request to assert the defense the bank may not assert against any collecting bank or other prior party presenting or transferring the item a claim based upon the unauthorized signature or alteration giving rise to the customer's claim.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 687

(House Bill 1109)

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Fire Fighters

FOR the purpose of providing that, for purposes of extra compensation known as shift differential pay, State employed fire fighters are designated employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System Section 27(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 64A - Merit System

27.

(d) (1) Extra compensation, to be known as shift differential pay, shall be granted to designated employees. Such employees, to be eligible, must work on a full-time shift, starting between 2:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. The Secretary shall establish rules and regulations for the payment of such shift differential, to provide fairness and equity among all employees in consideration of the hours