

contract. Employees shall be appointed without prior service credit and shall serve a probationary period in accordance with § 7-402 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

SECTION 23-25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 5-903(g)(2)(iii) of the Natural Resources Article or any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2006 only, up to \$2,500,000 of the State's share of funds under Program Open Space available for capital improvements may be used to operate State forests and parks.

SECTION 24-26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-311(i) of the State Finance and Procurement Article or any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2006 only and only as provided in the budget bill, funds may be transferred from the Revenue Stabilization Account established under § 7-311 of the State Finance and Procurement Article by budget amendment and may be used for fiscal 2006 for the purposes specified in the budget bill.

SECTION 27. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in fiscal year 2007 the Maryland Department of Aging shall allocate federal grants to local agencies under titles IIIB, IIIC1, IIIC2, and IIIE of the Older Americans Act based on formulas in effect on January 1, 2004.

(2) The Title IIIE formula for the Family Caregiver Program may be changed to reflect an increase in age criteria.

(b) The Governor shall include in the budget bill for fiscal year 2007 a general fund appropriation in an amount not less than \$442,210 to the Maryland Department of Aging to supplement federal grants to local agencies under titles IIIB, IIIC1, IIIC2, and IIIE of the Older Americans Act.

(c) In fiscal year 2007, these funds shall be allocated to the local Area Agencies on Aging in the following manner:

<u>Allegany</u>	<u>\$ 88,910</u>
<u>Baltimore City</u>	<u>\$ 52,770</u>
<u>Cecil</u>	<u>\$ 998</u>
<u>MAC, Inc. (Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester)</u>	<u>\$199,734</u>
<u>Queen Anne's</u>	<u>\$ 14,850</u>
<u>Upper Shore Aging, Inc. (Caroline, Kent, and Talbot)</u>	<u>\$ 50,898</u>
<u>Washington</u>	<u>\$ 34,050</u>

SECTION 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 9-120 of the State Government Article or any other provision of law: