Approved May 15, 1984.

CHAPTER 391

(House Bill 165)

AN ACT concerning

State Employees - Seasonal Leave Without Pay

FOR the purpose of providing for procedures under which certain State employees may be granted an extended leave of absence without pay; requiring the Secretary of Personnel to promulgate certain regulations; specifying certain requirements and limitations for the granting of such leave; prohibiting a State employer from requiring that a State employee take seasonal leave without pay; defining certain terms; and generally relating to seasonal leave for State employees.

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 37C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

37C.

- (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (2) "AGENCY" MEANS ANY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ALL OFFICES THEREOF DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOVERNOR.
- (3) "EMPLOYEE" MEANS ANY CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED BY ANY AGENCY.
- (B) (1) THIS SECTION IS INTENDED TO ENHANCE STATE EMPLOYEE MORALE AND STATE AGENCY EFFICIENCY BY PERMITTING EMPLOYEES TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE DURING PERIODS OF ANTICIPATED LOW DEMAND FOR THE SERVICES OF THOSE EMPLOYEES.