

delegation is sought. The Secretary shall grant or deny such a request on or before [April 1] JANUARY 1 of the year during which delegation is sought by a county or municipality.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 5, 1989.

CHAPTER 160

(House Bill 80)

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Competitive Examinations - Exemptions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Personnel to exempt certain classes of positions from the competitive examinations process; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 18(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 64A - Merit System

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(c) Examinations shall be competitive, free and open to all persons who may be lawfully appointed to any position within the class for which the examination is held, with such limitations as may be specified in the rules by the Secretary as to age, health, habits, moral character, physical condition, and other qualifications, except as hereinafter provided that are in the judgment of the Secretary prerequisite to the performance of the duties of such positions; provided, however, that the Secretary may, from time to time, provide for general rules exempting from competitive examinations, positions to be filled by unskilled manual laborers, [including positions for road patrolmen under the State Highway Administration,] AND FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES FOR WHICH ~~IT IS NOT PRACTICABLE TO ESTABLISH--AN--ELIGIBLE--LIST~~ THE