

~~A-NOTARY-MAY--BE--LIABLE--TO--ANY--PERSON--FOR--ALL--DAMAGES  
PROXIMATELY---CAUSED---THAT---PERSON--BY--THE--NOTARY'S--OFFICIAL  
MISCONDUCT--IN--PERFORMING--A--NOTARIZATION.---IN--ADDITION,---AN  
EMPLOYER--IS--LIABLE--TO--A--NOTARY--FOR--DAMAGES--CAUSED--THE--NOTARY--BY  
DEMOTION,--DISMISSAL,--OR--OTHER--ACTION--RESULTING--FROM--THE--NOTARY'S  
REFUSAL--TO--COMMIT--MISCONDUCT.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for a commission expiring July 1, 1990, the Secretary of State shall, upon application, issue a notary public commission for a term ending on the second, third, fourth, or fifth birthday of the notary, following the issuance of the commission, to implement a staggered system for the expiration and renewal of notary public commissions, may issue a notary public commission that expires in 5 years or less and, for these notary public commissions, shall impose a fee that is prorated to reflect the term of the commission. It shall be within the discretion of the Secretary of State which commission term a notary is issued in accordance with this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 19, 1989.

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CHAPTER 379

(House Bill 113)

AN ACT concerning

State Acquisitions - Treatment of Employees

FOR the purpose of clarifying the employment status of certain employees when the State acquires a private institution or enterprise or another public entity or agency.

BY repealing

Article 64A - Merit System  
Section 51A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System