administrative practice. See 77 Op. Att'y Gen. \_\_\_\_ (1992) [Opinion No. 92–016 (May 20, 1992)]. Accordingly, throughout this subtitle, the former, limited references to "classified" employees are deleted.

Item (2) of this section, referring specifically to "appointed officials", is based on the reference in former Art. 64A, § 37(c) to these officials receiving compensation for unused annual leave time.

Defined terms: "Classified service" § 1-101
"State Personnel Management System" § 1-101
"Unclassified service" § 1-101

## 7-302. ANNUAL LEAVE AUTHORIZED.

(A) IN GENERAL.

EACH EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE IS ENTITLED TO ANNUAL LEAVE WITH PAY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) USES FOR LEAVE.

ANNUAL LEAVE MAY BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 64A, § 37(a)(1)(i), as that sentence authorized annual leave, and the second clause of the first sentence of § 37(a)(4), as it related to the purpose for which annual leave may be used.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to a "calendar year" is deleted as unnecessary in that it is relevant only to the carry-over provisions of § 7-306 of this subtitle.

In subsection (b) of this section and throughout this subtitle, the former reference to "vacation" is deleted because the annual leave may be used for any purpose, not just for a vacation.

## 7-303. ANNUAL LEAVE ACCRUALS.

(A) "TOTAL STATE SERVICE" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "TOTAL STATE SERVICE" INCLUDES ANY PREVIOUS CONTINUOUS STATE SERVICE.

(B) HOW LEAVE ACCRUES.

ANNUAL LEAVE ACCRUES AS FOLLOWS, ON A PRO RATA BASIS:

- (1) FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHOSE TOTAL STATE SERVICE IS LESS THAN 5 YEARS, AT THE RATE OF 10 WORKDAYS A YEAR;
- (2) FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHOSE TOTAL STATE SERVICE IS AT LEAST 5 YEARS BUT LESS THAN 10 YEARS, AT THE RATE OF 15 WORKDAYS A YEAR;