

and without diminution in salary or benefits. Persons appointed in the ten-month interim prior to January 1, 1978, are required to take the examinations as provided [in this article] BY LAW, but in making the appointments to these positions the appointing authority is not limited by the provisions of FORMER ARTICLE 64A, § 17(a) of [this article] THE CODE which state that the appointments must be made from the five persons standing highest upon the eligible list for the class in which the position is found.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 64A, § 9-O.

Former § 9-O is not retained in the Code because it is apparently obsolete. However, it is transferred to the Session Laws to avoid any inadvertent substantive effect that its repeal might have on any employee.

The only changes are in style.

[9Q.] 12.

(a) As of July 1, 1978, persons employed by Somerset County, who operate State-owned equipment used in the permanent State mosquito control program, shall be transferred to the State [Merit System] CLASSIFIED SERVICE according to this section. These employees shall be appointed to positions in the Maryland Department of Agriculture without further examination or qualification. The employees shall be placed in the State classification that is comparable in duties and responsibilities to the employee's former position.

(b) The employees may not suffer a diminution of salary or wages, accrued leave, whether earned or granted, or seniority rights. Any increase in salary or wages granted subsequent to passage of the legislation enabling the transfer, may be retained on appointment to the classified service only if the Secretary of Personnel approves. The Secretary of Personnel shall consider the monetary value of any and all other benefits, entitlements, services or prerogatives and, at [his] THE SECRETARY'S discretion and in consideration of the best interests of the classified service, may consider these values or a portion of them when establishing the rate of salary on appointment. After appointment, the employees are entitled to the same benefits provided to classified SERVICE employees [established by this article].

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 64A, § 9Q.

Former § 9Q is not retained in the Code because it is apparently obsolete. However, it is transferred to the Session Laws to avoid any inadvertent substantive effect that its repeal might have on any employee.

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[9R.] 13.

(a) A contractual employee of the Community Development Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development who had 6 months of continuous full-time satisfactory service as of June 30, 1981 shall be included in the State [Merit System] CLASSIFIED SERVICE without further examination or qualification.