21.

Employment of any employee shall terminate upon his death, retirement, resignation or discharge. Retirement shall occur in accordance with the applicable provisions of §§ 31 through 37 or 49 through 62 and, except as to the Superintendent, shall be mandatory as provided in §§ 31 (a) or 53 (a) (3). Resignation of an employee shall not be valid until accepted by the Superintendent, but acceptance shall not be withheld unless proceedings for discharge are contemplated or pending. An employee, other than a probationary employee, may be discharged only in accordance with the [merit system] PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

22.

(a) From and after July 1, 1974, all police employees of the Maryland State Police shall receive such salary, including any increment based upon length of service, as set forth in a salary plan proposed by the Superintendent of Maryland State Police and the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and approved by the Secretary of Personnel, and provided in the State budget. [Truck patrolmen shall be compensated at not less than pay grade 11 of the State of Maryland salary structure for graded State employees as promulgated by the Secretary of Personnel pursuant to Article 64A, § 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.]

24.

- (a) In cases of inconsistency between this article and the provisions of [the merit system] THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES, the provisions of this article shall control as to all matters relating to the Department.
- (b) Except as expressly provided herein, no provision THE PROVISIONS of [the merit system] THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES shall NOT apply to or affect the compensation, rank, grade or status of any police employee.
- (c) The compensation, civilian classification, and status of civilian employees shall be determined in accordance with [the merit system] THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES, except to the extent that specific provision is made in this article.

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31.

(b) The term "sick pay" means any payment made to an employee on account of [sickness or accident] ILLNESS OR disability as authorized under [Article 64A, § 37 of the Code] TITLE 7 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE or as may be authorized by the laws of a political subdivision.