

with pay for not in excess of three (3) days in any calendar year; provided, that personal leave may not be accumulated and any unused personal leave as of the end of the calendar year shall be forfeited. Personal leave days may be used for religious holidays, inclement weather or any other purpose whatsoever, provided permission is obtained from the department head. The department head may not deny permission if personal leave is requested for observance of religious holidays.

EACH CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE, UPON TERMINATION FROM THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OTHER THAN BY RETIREMENT, SHALL FORFEIT ANY ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE. UPON TERMINATION BY RETIREMENT, EACH CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO HAVE HIS ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE DAYS ADDED TO HIS CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING HIS RETIREMENT BENEFITS [[UNER]] UNDER ARTICLE 73B OF THIS CODE. A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO CAME INTO THE STATE SYSTEM WHILE RETAINING SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE BENEFITS UNDER A COUNTY SYSTEM AND WHO CAME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 423 OF THE ACTS OF 1971 SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME FULL CREDIT TOWARD RETIREMENT AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 9(5) of Article 73B - Pensions, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 73B - Pensions

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(5) (A) Creditable service at retirement on which the retirement allowance of a member shall be based shall consist of the membership service rendered by him since he last became a member and also, if he has a prior service certificate which is in full force and effect, the period of the service certified on his prior service certificate.

In addition, any person who at any time had previous State service with membership in the Maryland State Police Pension Fund shall be credited with such service for creditable service purposes.

(B) UPON VERIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES A STATE EMPLOYEE MEMBER AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT SHALL RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORMULA THAT 22 DAYS OF UNUSED SICK LEAVE ARE EQUAL TO ONE MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICE. ONE ADDITIONAL MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICE SHALL BE GRANTED IF FRACTIONAL DAYS TOTALING 11 OR MORE RESULT FROM THE