

*in Baltimore City who, while so employed, applies to the Commissioner of Personnel for appointment under the State Merit System on or before July 1, 1967, shall be so appointed, and without further examination or qualification shall be classified in the job classification under the State Merit System which is comparable or which most closely compares with his last job classification as a Baltimore City employee. An employee appointed to the State Merit System under this section shall be given credit thereunder for the years of service rendered in Baltimore City for the purposes of establishing retirement and death benefits, compensation rates, including longevity steps, and the basic rates for vacation and sick leave credit earnings. No such employee who has been transferred from the Baltimore City Health Department to the State Merit System may receive any diminution in compensation solely as a result of such transfer and appointment.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.*

Approved April 14, 1966.