

formance of their duties and fixes the amount to be paid to them for that purpose on an annual basis, the payments to be made in monthly instalments and it is retroactive to the beginning of their terms of office. Apparently it bears no relation to the expenses actually incurred because the Bill is silent upon their filing expense vouchers. It becomes inoperative at the end of the term for which the officers have been elected. Because it is clearly a violation of the constitutional provision to which I have referred and would undoubtedly be stricken down as null and void by the courts, I have decided to veto it.

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

#### HOUSE BILL No. 499

AN ACT to add a new paragraph to Section 20 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments", said new paragraph to be known as Paragraph 45B and to follow immediately after Paragraph 45A of said Section 20, bringing all officers and employees of the State of Maryland within the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Laws.

The title of this Bill is defective in that it is both misleading and inadequate inasmuch as it purports to bring within the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law all officers and employees of the State, while the Bill itself merely extends the coverage of that law to employees who are engaged in extra-hazardous employments as defined by Article 101 of the Code and includes within that category physicians, nurses, attendants, guards and other employees who are required to treat, nurse, guard or care for patients or prisoners in State hospitals, prisons, and training schools. Because of the defective title I have vetoed this Bill.