

had prior experience or training in research, statistical analysis and subjects relating to taxation generally and shall devote his entire time in performing and carrying out the various duties and assignments of the State Fiscal Research Bureau as set forth in this sub-title. The Director shall receive such annual salary as shall be provided in the State Budget~~[-], the amount of which shall be as established from time to time by the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, and which shall not be subject in any way to the control of the State Employees' Standard Salary Board.~~

SEC. 3 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1956.

Approved March 8, 1956.

## CHAPTER 88

(Senate Bill 5)

AN ACT to add new Sections 648S to ~~648 H~~ 648GG, inclusive, to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", to follow immediately after Section 648R thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Gas and Oil", relating generally to the development, production and utilization of the natural resources of gas and oil in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 648S to ~~648 H~~ 648GG, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", to follow immediately after Section 648R thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Gas and Oil", all to read as follows:

### GAS AND OIL

648S. *It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to foster, encourage and promote the development, production and utilization of natural resources of oil and gas in this State in such manner as will prevent waste, and protect fully the rights of all owners to the end that the land owners, royalty owners, producers of oil and gas, ~~gas storage companies, public service companies,~~ and the general public realize and enjoy the greatest possible good from these vital natural resources.*

648T. *The Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, hereinafter called the Department, is hereby given jurisdiction and authority ~~over all persons and property, public and private,~~ necessary to enforce effectively the provisions of this sub-title-; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO AUTHORITY IS GIVEN THE DEPART-*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.