

merit or individual rates. The commissioners shall also have power to establish and fix minimum premiums to be paid by any employer insured or insuring in the State Accident Fund, and to require the payment of the estimated premiums in advance. The commissioners, in their administration of the State Accident Fund, shall have the power, with the approval of the Secretary of Personnel, to declare dividends to the subscribers or policyholders in the fund, either in the form of cash refunds or credits, when the financial condition of the fund is such, in the judgment of the commissioners, as to make such dividend declaration warranted and advisable.

83.

In the administration of the State Accident Fund, the commissioners of the *State Accident Fund*, subject to approval by the Secretary of Personnel, shall have full power and authority to make any and all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, for the conduct of the business of the State Accident Fund; including the issuance of policies of insurance under this article protecting Maryland employees of Maryland employers who are injured in the line of duty regardless of where *the* injury may occur.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 744
(House Bill 1228)

AN ACT to add new Sections 34MM, 34NN, and 34-OO to the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 34LL thereof, AS ADDED BY CHAPTER 171 OF THE ACTS OF 1966, to require the County Commissioners of Carroll County to establish procedures for budgeting and finance that must include certain enumerated provisions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 34MM, 34NN, and 34-OO be and they are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws ~~and~~ OF Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 34LL thereof, AS ADDED BY CHAPTER 171 OF THE ACTS OF 1966, and to read as follows:

34MM.

The County Commissioners of Carroll County shall establish orderly procedures for budgeting and finance which shall:

(1) *Designate a County employee or officer as County Budget Officer responsible for assisting the County Commissioners in the preparation and administration of County budgets.*