

ment. Provided, further, that the invalidity of any portion of this sub-title, shall in no way affect the validity of any other portion thereof, which can be given effect, without such invalid part. But the provisions of this section shall not apply to females employed in the canning or preserving, or preparing for canning or preserving of perishable fruit and vegetables. And provided further that in any retail mercantile establishments located outside of the city of Baltimore a female may be permitted to work on Saturdays and on Christmas Eve and the five working days next preceding Christmas Eve not more than twelve hours, if during each of such Saturdays and Christmas Eve and five days aforesaid the female so employed shall have at least two rest intervals of not less than one hour each, and this provision shall only apply to such mercantile establishments as have during the remainder of the calendar year a working day of not more than nine hours.*

53. Repealed. (Act 1916, ch. 406.)

Compulsory Work Law.

1917, ch. 33, sec. 1.

56. Whenever, because of the existence of a state of war, the Governor determines that it is necessary, for the protection and welfare of the people of the State, that all able-bodied male persons, between the ages hereinafter mentioned, be employed in occupations carried on by the State, the Counties or the City of Baltimore, or any of their agencies, or be employed in occupations carried on by private persons, firms or corporations, whether agricultural, industrial or otherwise, and which occupations, whether carried on by the State, the counties, the City of Baltimore, or by private employers, the Governor finds to be essential for the protection and welfare of the people of the State and the United States, and also finds that the same cannot be carried on as the protection and welfare of the people of this State and of the United States require without resort to this sub-title, then the Governor shall be authorized, by proclamation, to require every able-bodied male person between 18 and 50 years of age, inclusive, within the State, not then or thereafter regularly or continuously employed or engaged in any lawful and useful business, occupation, trade or profession of any kind, to register forthwith his name, address, age and any other information which the Governor shall require, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such person may be, or with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if such person be in Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of said clerk, from time to time, upon request of the Governor, to furnish him lists of the names, addresses, age and such

*The act of 1916, chapter 406 (see article 89 of the code), creates a commission to be known as the state board of labor and statistics, and transfers to said board all the powers and duties now exercised by the bureau of statistics and information and the chief of the industrial bureau and the inspector and assistant inspector of female labor under this and the following sections.