

CHAPTER 481.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 57, 58, 59 and 60 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition and 1929 Supplement), title "Militia," sub-title "Veterans' Relief Fund," relating to the Maryland Veterans' Commission, its powers and duties and the Veterans' Relief Fund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 57, 58, 59 and 60 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition and 1929 Supplement), title "Militia," sub-title "Veterans' Relief Fund," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

57. A Veterans' Relief Fund of not less than \$50,000 of which amount not more than \$20,000 may be expended for administrative purposes, including salaries, for the purpose of providing the necessities of life for such Maryland veterans of the World War or of any other war, or the widows and infant children of such veterans as are sick, disabled or indigent, and who are without means to pay for said necessities or for proper care, and for the purpose of providing the necessary funeral expenses of such veterans, and for the further purpose of providing reasonable compensation to members of the Maryland National Guard who are injured in line of duty, and in case any such members are killed in line of duty, then to the widows and infant children of such members. Such "Veterans' Relief Fund" shall be distributed to such persons of the above classes and in such amounts as the Commission provided for in Section 58 in this Article shall deem proper. The provisions of this sub-title shall cover the death of any member of the Maryland National Guard killed in line of duty subsequent to July 2, 1921, and the child of any such deceased member.

The Governor shall appoint a Commission known as the "Maryland Veterans Commission," to be composed of either the Adjutant General or Assistant Adjutant General, or a Maryland veteran, as Chairman, in the discretion of the Governor, and four other members, representative of the four major national veterans' organizations. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The members of the Commission as thus constituted shall serve without pay; except that the Chairman may be paid a salary, to be fixed by the Governor, out of the appropria-