

poration of the State of Maryland, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to effect a composition of indebtedness in accordance with the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy, viz., Sections 401 to 404, inclusive, of Title 11 of United States Code Annotated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 11, 1939.

CHAPTER 243.

(House Bill 521)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 390 of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Sheriff", as said section was enacted by Chapter 270 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1937, providing for an increase of the expenses of the sheriff, his office and his deputies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 390 of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Sheriff", as said section was enacted by Chapter 270 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1937, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

390. The Sheriff of Wicomico County shall receive an annual salary of the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00), to be paid to him in monthly installments of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) by the County Commissioners of Wicomico County and he shall be allowed sums not exceeding in the aggregate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for any one year for all expenses of his office, including automobile mileage allowance, telephone and telegraph expense, clerical assistance, and necessary deputies to assist in the discharge of his duties, except the salary of a chief deputy which is hereinafter pro-