

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 96 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "United States", sub-title "Retention of Jurisdiction by the State", said new section to be known as Section 42, to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article and to read as follows:

42. Notwithstanding anything contained in any section or sections of this Article or of any other Article of the Code of Public General Laws to the contrary, the State of Maryland and every political sub-division thereof and all agencies or taxing units thereof, are hereby authorized and empowered to take any and all action that may be necessary or proper to receive and collect from the United States any and all money that may be made available by the United States to reimburse the State of Maryland or any political sub-division thereof, or any agency or taxing unit thereof, for any and all taxes or other charges which may have been lost by reason of the United States or any department, corporation or agency thereof having acquired in any way any title to any property, real, personal or mixed, located in the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any and all public general laws or public local laws or any part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *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 being 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 January 26, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 9.

(House Bill 98)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 17 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Merit System", authorizing the State Employees Standard Salary Board to establish fixed salaries and wage rates for a limited period, in certain cases.