any greater compensation nor pay any bills for any matter whatsoever for the use of said Collectors nor supply any stationery or other thing unless the same shall be charged against the said compensation so to be allowed said Tax Collectors; and if it shall be found at any time during a fiscal year that any monthly payments to be made to said Tax Collectors, together with the previous monthly payments, would exceed two-thirds of any limits of compensation herein provided, no further payment shall be allowed until final settlement is made by said Collectors with said County Commissioners as aforesaid, provided further that the County Commissioners shall pay the premium upon each of the bonds of the respective Tax Collectors.

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

Approved April 27, 1945.

CHAPTER 781.

(Senate Bill 430)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with Amendments, Section 16 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Merit System," relating to certain duties and functions of the State Employees Standard Salary Board, authorizing said Board to approve increases in salaries in a pro-rata basis of employees of County Welfare Boards, and limiting such increases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 16 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Merit System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

16. After consultation with appointing authorities, the State Employees Standard Salary Board shall prepare and recommend to the Governor a pay plan for all classes of positions in both the Classified and Unclassified Service to the end that all positions in such services involving com-