

of this State. The secretary of the Commission shall receive such salary as shall be provided in the State Budget and shall be entitled to receive his actual and necessary traveling and other necessary expenses incurred by him in the performance of his official duties, payable out of said fees. The Commission shall annually make to the Governor a full report of its proceedings for the year ending June 1st each year, and may submit with such report such recommendations pertaining to its affairs as to it shall seem desirable. At the time of making said report said Commission shall transmit to the Governor a full and detailed statement of all its receipts and disbursements during the preceding year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 18

(House Bill 42)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Account", increasing the amount which may be allowed as a preferred claim for funeral expenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 5 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Account", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

5. On the other side shall be stated the disbursements by him made, and which are to be made in the following order and priority: First, funeral expenses, to be allowed at the discretion of the court according to the condition and circumstances of the deceased, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) except by special order of the Court, and provided the estate of the decedent be solvent; second, his allowance for costs and extraordinary expenses (not personal) which the Court may think proper to allow, laid out in the administration or distribution of the estate or in the recovery or security of any part thereof, costs to include reasonable fees for legal services rendered upon any matter in connection with the administration or distribu-