

or through his department head, and upon request shall be granted a personal hearing before the Board. The Board shall make a decision upon each such proposal forwarded to it, and shall mail or deliver its decision in writing to the head of the department and the employee concerned.

(f) Awards under this section may be paid notwithstanding the death or separation from the classified service of the officer or employee concerned, provided that the suggestions, inventions, superior accomplishments, other personal efforts, or special acts or services in the public interest, forming the basis for the awards, are made or rendered while the said officer or employee is employed in the classified service.

(g) A cash award under this section shall be in addition to the regular compensation of the recipient and the acceptance of such cash award shall constitute an agreement that the use by the State of Maryland of any idea, method or device for which the award is made shall not form the basis of a further claim of any nature upon the State of Maryland by the employee, his heirs or assigns.

(h) Awards to employees and expenses for the honorary recognition of employees may be paid from the funds or appropriations available to the activity primarily benefitting therefrom, or may be paid from the several funds or appropriations of the various activities benefitting therefrom, as may be determined by the Board.

(i) An award under this section shall be given due weight in qualifying and selecting employees for promotion.

(j) A monetary award granted under this section shall not exceed \$1,000, except that an award in excess of such amount but not in excess of \$5,000 may be granted by the Board in special cases in which the department head and the State Budget Director certify to the Board that the suggestion, invention, superior accomplishment or other meritorious effort for which such award is proposed is exceptional and unusually outstanding.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1958.

Approved April 4, 1958.

CHAPTER 66

(House Bill 2)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State Debt in the aggregate amount of ~~Thirteen Million Five Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$13,567,800)~~ **EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,215,300)** ~~NINE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED~~

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
 Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.