

applying for certificates as certified public accountants be held twice a year instead of once a year.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3 of Article 75A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Public Accountant", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

3. Examinations of persons applying under this Article for certificates as certified public accountants as to their proficiency in the theory of accounts, practical accounting, auditing, commercial law, and principles of economics, shall be held at least [once] *twice* every year, and be conducted according to such rules and regulations as the said Board of Examiners may adopt for the purpose. The questions propounded at said examinations shall be submitted to the entire Board before being adopted, and shall be certified by the said Board as a reasonable and fair test of the candidate's qualifications, and as reasonably susceptible of answer or solution in the time allowed. Each subject shall be marked separately, and every applicant shall be required to obtain a mark of seventy-five (75) per cent. in each subject upon which he is examined. The examination papers shall be preserved for ninety days after each applicant shall have been informed of his marks, and every person taking said examination shall be entitled to notice of his mark in each subject and shall have access to his examination papers during said time upon application to the Board. If any such applicant is a member of the bar of the State of Maryland in good standing at the time of taking the certified public accountant examination, he shall be absolved from the requirements of an examination in the subject of commercial law. If any applicant shall have failed to pass the examination in all of the five subjects aforesaid, but shall have met the requirements of this Article in any three or more of the subjects, he shall be excused from subsequent examinations in those subjects. All persons who shall pass the examinations in all of the subjects aforesaid shall be recommended by the Board to the Governor, and to all such persons the Governor shall issue the certificate mentioned in the first section of this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved February 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 40

(House Bill 184)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 19 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County," sub-title "St. Mary's Hospital," to be known as Section 202³/₄ and to follow

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

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