

CHAPTER 41

(House Bill 140)

AN ACT to add ~~ten~~ ELEVEN new sections to Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Department of Labor and Industry", said new sections to be known as Sections 12C to ~~12L~~ 12M, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 12B thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Labor Disputes in Public Utilities", providing for the resolution of industrial disputes and differences arising between employers and employees concerning wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment in public utilities; for certification to the Governor of Disputes between Public Utility Employers and their employees, and ARBITRATION procedure to be pursued in connection therewith; for seizure of plants ~~or facilities~~, FACILITIES OR PROPERTY, INCLUDING FUNDS OF A UTILITY BY THE GOVERNOR, in prescribed manner and under certain conditions and subsequent operation thereof; FOR COMPULSORY ARBITRATION OF LABOR DISPUTES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR PROHIBITION OF CONCERTED ACTIVITIES INTERFERING WITH OPERATION OF SEIZED UTILITY; for termination of seizure, protection of property rights and restoration of property taken thereunder; for injunctive, legal or equitable relief under this sub-title and limitations thereon; FOR MAKING SECTIONS 63 TO 75 OF ARTICLE 100 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND INAPPLICABLE TO SUCH RELIEF; for appointment of Emergency Board of Arbitration and composition, powers and duties thereof and limitations thereon; for conduct of parties to the dispute and rendering of public utility services by said parties; for conduct of any other parties during seizure, with reference to said plants or facilities; and ~~for public utilities~~ PROVIDING FOR THE EXCLUSION FROM THE EFFECTS OF THIS ACT DISPUTES INVOLVING EMPLOYEES subject to the Federal Railway Labor Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ~~ten~~ ELEVEN new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Department of Labor and Industry", said new sections to be known as Sections 12C to ~~12L~~ 12M, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 12B thereof, to be under the new sub-title "Labor Disputes in Public Utilities", and to read as follows:

Labor Disputes in Public Utilities

12C. Findings.—The General Assembly hereby finds that public utility services as hereinafter defined are essential to the public health and, safety AND GENERAL WELFARE, and that the settlement of industrial disputes which threaten substantial interruption of such services is therefore affected with a public interest; that the adjustment of differences concerning wages, hours and other terms

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.