

The Board shall meet at the pleasure of the Commissioner [, but in no event shall there be more than twenty-four (24) Board meetings in any calendar year]. Each member shall receive as compensation [twenty] ~~thirty~~ THIRTY-FIVE dollars [(\$20.00)] ~~(\$50.00)~~ \$35.00 for each meeting he attends, to be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 478

(Senate Bill 429)

AN ACT to add new Section 11A to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Evidence", sub-title "Competency of Witnesses", said new section to follow immediately after Section 11 thereof, providing that a ~~religious practitioner~~ MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, CLERGYMAN OR PRIEST of an established church may not be compelled to disclose as testimony a confession, OR communication, ~~or information arising therefrom.~~

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 11A be and it is hereby added to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Evidence", sub-title "Competency of Witnesses", said new section to follow immediately after Section 11 thereof, to read as follows:

11A. *No minister of the Gospel, clergyman, OR priest or religious practitioner of an established church, of any denomination, shall be compelled to testify in relation to any confession or communication made to him in confidence by one seeking his spiritual advice or consolation, . or in relation to any information that he may have gotten by reason of such communication.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 479

(Senate Bill 430)

AN ACT to waive certain provisions contained in Section 162G of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supple-

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.