

compensation", sub-title "Application of Article; Extra Hazardous Employments", be and the said sections are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

16. The Ranking Line Officer is authorized and directed to take out and thereafter maintain a policy or policies of insurance with the State Accident Fund or with any stock corporation or mutual association authorized to transact the business of Workmen's Compensation Insurance in this State, to secure compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Law to all officers and enlisted men of the Organized Militia of the State of Maryland: *provided that, whenever and so long as provision equal to or better than that given under the terms of this Article is made by the Federal Government for an officer or enlisted man or employee of the Military Department of Maryland injured in the course of employment, such officer, enlisted man or employee shall not be entitled to the benefits of this section.*

The Ranking Line Officer is authorized and directed to pay the necessary premium or premiums for said policy or policies of insurance out of appropriations for the militia to be included in the State Budget by the Governor of the State.

32. Whenever the State, county, city or any municipality shall engage in any extra hazardous work, within the meaning of this Article, whether for pecuniary gain or otherwise, in which workmen are employed for wages, this Article shall be applicable thereto.

In time of peace and while engaged in military service all officers and enlisted men of the organized militia of the State of Maryland shall be deemed workmen of the State for wages within the meaning of this section; *provided that, whenever and so long as provision equal to or better than that given under the terms of this Article is made by the Federal Government for an employee of the Military Department of Maryland injured in the course of employment, such employee shall not be entitled to the benefits of this Article.*

The officers of the Maryland State Police Force, the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Police, the police of the town of Laurel, the regular members of the police force, the paid firemen, the Engineers, and Linemen of the Electric Light Plant, of Frederick City, the members of the Police Department and of the Fire Department of the City of Cumberland, and all Guards employed by any of the penal institutions of this State, shall be deemed workmen for wages within the meaning of this section.

Whenever and so long as by State Law, City Charter, or Municipal Ordinance, provision equal to or better than that given under the terms of this Article is made for municipal employees injured in the course of employment, such employees shall not be entitled to the benefits of this Article.

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

Approved April 10, 1957.