

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 212 (e) of Article 89B of said Code (1957 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Convict Labor", be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That new Section 188A be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of said Code (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", SUB-TITLE "THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT", to follow immediately after Section 188 thereof, and to be under the new sub-heading "Sundry Claims Board", to read as follows:

188A. (a) *A "Sundry Claims Board" is created for the purpose of administering benefits whenever a prisoner in the Patuxent Institution or in the Maryland Penitentiary, House of Correction, or any other institution under the supervision of the Board of Correction (1) is engaged in any extra-hazardous work for which wages or a stipulated sum are paid by said institution, and (2) sustains a permanent partial or permanent total disability as a result of said injury, and (3) this disability incapacitates the prisoner or materially reduces his earning power in such work. For the purpose of this sub-title, the terms "extra-hazardous work", "permanent partial disability", and "permanent total disability" have the meanings which currently are given to them in Article 101 of this Code, title "Workmen's Compensation."*

(b) *In such event, the injured prisoner has the right to file a claim for compensation under this sub-title, within twelve (12) months after his release from the institution, and not before such release, with the "Sundry Claims Board". The "Sundry Claims Board" consists of the Attorney General of Maryland, or his representative, the Comptroller of the State, or his representative, and the Director of the Budget, or his representative. The Governor shall designate one of such members to be the Chairman and another to be the Secretary of the Board.*

(c) *The Board may receive original papers representing claims against the State of Maryland under this sub-title, for the payment of which no money has been appropriated. Such claims shall be filed and properly designated either by number or short title, or both. Any member of the Board may administer oaths, compel the attendance of witnesses, and compel the production of records, books and papers pertinent to the claim. The Board may petition any Court having jurisdiction for an order to punish as contempt of Court any disobedience of such a subpoena, or refusal to be sworn or to answer as a witness, or failure to produce records, books and papers.*

(d) *After investigation of any such claim the Board shall either approve, approve with conditions and limitations, or disapprove it. The Board shall append to the original papers representing such claim, a concise statement of facts developed by the proceedings upon which its approval or disapproval is based. Such original papers and appended statements shall be filed in the office of the Comptroller, and copies shall be kept in the offices of the Budget Director and of the Attorney General. The original papers representing such claim and any other matters pertaining thereto shall constitute a permanent claims record.*

(e) *The Board in considering claims for compensation and in determining what compensation, if any, to allow a claimant, shall take into*