

Employment," subtitle "Equal Pay for Equal Work," amending the Work, Labor and Employment Laws to correct an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 55D(a) of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," subtitle "Equal Pay for Equal Work," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

55D.

(a) An employer who violates the provisions of this subtitle shall be liable to the employee or employees affected in the amount of the differential between the wage paid male employees and the female employees doing the same type of work, and an additional equal amount as liquidated damages. Action to recover such liability may be maintained in any court of competent jurisdiction by any one or more employees for and in behalf of herself or themselves and other employees similarly situated, and no agreement by any such employee to work for less than the wage to which such employee is entitled under this subtitle shall be a defense to any such action. At the written request of any employee paid less than the wage to which he or she may be entitled under this subtitle the Commissioner may take an assignment of such wage claim in trust for the assigning employee and may bring any legal action necessary to collect such claim, including the liquidated damages provided by this section. The court in such action shall, in addition to any judgment awarded to the plaintiff or plaintiffs, allow a reasonable attorney's fee to be paid by the defendant, and cost of the action. The Commissioner shall have power to join various [claimant] *claimants* against the employer in one cause of action. The Attorney General is hereby authorized to prosecute all civil cases arising under this subtitle which are referred to him by the Commissioner for said purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved March 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 121

(House Bill 115)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19A(4) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "In General," correcting errors therein dealing with a State Central Crimes Bureau.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19A(4) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: