

thereof to be respectively under the new subtitle "Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee" and providing that said Committee shall prescribe the type, amount and term of bonds to cover State officers and employees in the performance of their duties and to further authorize the purchase of such bonds, for their approval and filing, and to other matters relating to the keeping of records.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That five new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Works," said new sections to be known as Sections 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 and to follow immediately after Section 45 of said Article and to read as follows:

46.

*There is hereby established a committee on bonding of State officers and employees to consist of the State Treasurer, the State Comptroller and the Attorney General or their designated representatives. This committee shall be known as the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee.*

47.

*The committee shall have the power to periodically set the type and amount of the bonds of all State officers and employees, now or hereafter required to be bonded pursuant to any law of this State, having due regard for duties and responsibilities of said officers and employees. Said officers or employees shall, upon entering the performance of their duties, be covered by surety bonds of the type specified and in the amounts and term fixed by the committee.*

48.

*All State officers and employees other than those specifically required to be bonded pursuant to any law of this State, who in the opinion of the committee should be bonded, shall be bonded with the type of bond and in such amount and term to be determined by the committee.*

49.

*Bonds purchased pursuant to Sections 47 and 48 above shall be purchased by the State Treasurer upon prior approval of the Board of Public Works, from a company or companies authorized to issue such bonds and authorized to do business in this State. The premium on bonds provided for therein shall be provided for in the budget of the State. The State Treasurer may upon prior approval of the Board of Public Works, at any time any such bond coverage is no longer required, cause any such bond to be cancelled or terminated and may collect any rebate of premium thereon.*

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*All bonds required by Sections 47 and 48 above shall be approved as to form by the Attorney General and filed in the office of the State Comptroller. A record shall be kept in the office of the State Comp-*