

person duly qualified to serve as Commissioner for an initial term expiring on the first Monday in May, 1955, or until his successor shall have qualified as hereinabove provided. The Governor may at any time remove the Commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The Commissioner shall receive a salary as provided in the budget. The said Commissioner shall be allowed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

The title of the present administrative assistant shall be deputy commissioner, who shall receive such salary as may be set by the Standard Salary Board, and the said deputy commissioner shall retain, without further examination, all rights and privileges under the State Merit System Law and the State Employees' Retirement System.

At any time hereafter the office of deputy commissioner shall become vacant the State Commissioner of Personnel shall, as soon as practical, conduct a competitive [promotional] examination [open only to the employees of the Department and who shall have had at the time of taking the examination not less than three years experience in the work of the Department.] *in accordance with the State Merit System Law.* The deputy commissioner, in the event of the absence, death, resignation, disability, or disqualification of the Commissioner, or in case the office of the Commissioner shall for any cause become vacant, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties vested by law in the Commissioner.

All other employees of the office of Commissioner of Labor and Statistics shall be transferred to the Department of Labor and Industry and retain their present classifications under the merit system as obtained through examination and shall receive such salary scales as set by the Standard Salary Board.

The Commissioner is authorized and empowered to appoint or employ such deputies, inspectors, assistants and employees of every kind as may be necessary for the performance of the duties now or hereafter imposed upon him by this or any other law; provided, however, that such appointments and employments shall in each and every case be subject to the approval of the Governor and the compensation to be allowed therefor, be subject to the approval of the Standard Salary Board.

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

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 328

(House Bill 919)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 170 of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Inspections," subtitle "Boiler Rules," to remove restrictive requirements in conducting competitive examination for office of chief boiler inspector.