service in the course of employment and in the line of duty in order that he might fully qualify for any benefits otherwise accruing.

40.

Necessary expenditures for the purposes of this subtitle shall be made out of any appropriations usually available to fire companies or rescue squads.

41.

The foregoing sections shall be liberally construed in order to effect the purpose of this subtitle to provide for mutual aid for fire departments and rescue squads in time of need.

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

Approved April 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 396

(House Bill 19)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 290 through 309, inclusive, of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitles respectively "Registration of Nurses" and "Licensed Practical Nurses" and to enact in lieu thereof new Sections 290 through 302, inclusive, to stand in the place of the sections repealed and to be under the new subtitle "Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses," to revise the laws regulating the practice of nursing in the State; to provide for a State Board of Nursing; to define the powers and duties of the Board, including licensure of practitioners of nursing and establishment of standards for educational programs preparing for nursing practice; to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; and relating generally to registered nurses and practical nurses.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 290 through 309, inclusive, of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitles respectively "Registration of Nurses" and "Licensed Practical Nurses" be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 290 through 302, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections repealed, and to be under the new subtitle "Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses," and to read as follows:

Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses

290.

In order to safeguard life and health, no person shall practice or offer to practice professional nursing or practical nursing in this State unless licensed as hereinafter provided. It shall be unlawful for any person not licensed under the provisions of this subtitle to