

collected by the Workmen's Compensation Commission shall be paid into the State treasury to reimburse the State for this portion of the expense of administering the Workmen's Compensation Law. And the said Commission shall be and is hereby clothed with such power and authority to examine payrolls and require reports from employers and insurance carriers as may be reasonable and necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and to adopt rules and regulations in regard thereto.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 555
(Senate Bill 422)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 42A(a), (b), (c), (d), and (f) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions", to require each county and Baltimore City to appropriate and place on deposit with the State Department of Health, certain funds to defray the costs of certain hospital services rendered indigent and medically indigent patients. ; to specify the appropriations, provide for reimbursements to said counties and Baltimore City from Federal funds, require a certain accounting, provide for the levy of certain local taxes, and specifying the relationship of payments under this Act, together with supplementation therefor, to certain local laws.

WHEREAS, Section 42A of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement) requires certain appropriations for hospital care of residents of the respective political subdivisions, for the year 1968 only, and full costs for hospital care of indigent and medically indigent patients can be paid only if the mandatory local appropriations are continued; and

WHEREAS, this mechanism should be established on a permanent basis rather than year to year, particularly in view of the passage of major tax reform measures at the 1967 Session of the General Assembly; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 42A (a), (b), (c), (d), and (f) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

42A.

(a) For the ~~1969~~ [1968] 1969 fiscal year, each county and Baltimore City shall place on deposit with the State Department of Health, funds to permit the State Department of Health to pay 100%