

(\$750.00). Any bill for funeral expenses contracted for an amount in excess of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) shall be null and void and uncollectible out of the compensation allowed or out of the personal assets of the person or persons to whom such compensation is payable, unless and until said bill is approved by the Commission; provided, however, that if there are no dependents all expenses of last sickness and burial shall be paid by the employer or insurance company, or out of the State Accident Fund, as the case may be.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 9, 1969.

CHAPTER 111

(Senate Bill 237)

AN ACT to add a new Section 52 to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Public Works," subtitle "Artistic Property," to follow immediately after Section 51 thereof, providing the Board of Public Works shall appoint a Commission on Artistic Property with duties relating to valuable paintings and other decorative arts in all State buildings and premises in the Annapolis area and relating generally to the membership, powers, duties, operations, functions, and finances of the Commission and of the powers and duties of other officers and agencies in relation thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section 52 be and it is hereby added to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Public Works," subtitle "Artistic Property," to follow immediately after Section 51 thereof, and to read as follows:

Artistic Property

52.

(a) *The Board of Public Works shall appoint three persons as a Commission on Artistic Property, to keep a continuing inventory of valuable paintings and other decorative arts in all State buildings and premises in the Annapolis area. The Commission also shall provide for the location, proper care, custody, restoration, display, and preservation of these paintings and other decorative arts.*

(b) *The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Public Works. They shall receive no salary but may be compensated from time to time for reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. From time to time the Governor shall appoint one member of the Commission to serve as its chairman.*

(c) *The Commission shall have such staff and funds as provided in the Budget. Also, and with the approval of the Governor, the*