

and expedite action on said claims. It shall be the duty of State Service Officer to supervise the State service centers provided for in paragraph 7 of this Article, and to keep in contact with the United States Veterans Administration so that the status of any claim shall be known at any time; to continue to survey the State in order that no veterans or their dependents may be neglected and to perform such other duties as the Commission may direct. The State Service Officer, and the other employees of the Commission, shall be paid, in addition to the salaries to which they are entitled under the Standard Salary Law of the State, their actual and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the performance of such duties as the Commission may authorize and direct. Direct financial relief, under this subtitle, shall be limited to veterans or the chronically sick, disabled or indigent widows or infant children of veterans who have been residents of Maryland for at least one year immediately prior to the date of their application for such relief, and providing no compensation is being received from any other state or country.

The Maryland Veterans Commission shall make and preserve a permanent registry of the graves of all persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war, who are buried in the State of Maryland.

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

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 241

(Senate Bill 507)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 of Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Veterans," subtitle "Maryland Veterans Commission," to provide terms of office for members of the Commission and to provide that current members of the Commission shall draw lots to determine the length of their terms of office.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 3 of Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Veterans," subtitle "Maryland Veterans Commission," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

The Governor shall appoint a Commission, known as the "Maryland Veterans Commission," to be composed of seven Maryland veterans, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as chairman. The additional members appointed in 1966 shall be appointed from those areas of the State where population so demands. *On or before August 1, 1969, the members of the Commission then serving shall draw lots to determine the length of their respective terms of office. One member shall serve a seven year term of office, one member*