

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act ~~of~~ OR the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1970.

Approved May 26, 1970.

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CHAPTER 737  
(House Bill 50)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section ~~247~~ 77 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1965~~ 1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "~~Miscellaneous~~" "CHAPTER 6. THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS," to provide for a daily salute to the flag and pledge of allegiance in all public schools of the State and to require that a teacher in charge of a particular class of students cannot be excused for any reason from participating in CONDUCTING these exercises EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section ~~247~~ 77 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1965~~ 1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "~~Miscellaneous~~" "CHAPTER 6. THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

~~247.~~ 77.

It shall be the duty of the board of education of each and every county in the State of Maryland, and of the Board of Education for Baltimore City, in the State of Maryland, to cause to have displayed a flag of the United States of America upon every public school building within their respective jurisdictions while said schools are in session, and to that end shall make all necessary purchase of flags, staffs and appliances therefor and establish rules and regulations for the proper custody, care and display of the flag in said schools; and it shall be the duty of said boards of education to [prepare for the use of the public schools of the State a programme providing for the salute to the flag, and] *provide each classroom with an American flag; to prepare for each classroom at the beginning of each day of classes in all public schools of the State a program providing for the salute to the flag and other patriotic exercises*