

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 691

(House Bill 397)

AN ACT to add new ~~Section 21(49c)~~ to PARAGRAPH (7) TO SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION 21 OF Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments," to follow immediately after ~~Section 21(49b)~~ PARAGRAPH (6) OF SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION 21 thereof, to extend coverage of the Workmen's Compensation Law to farming and dairy farming, ~~other than office work~~ WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND TO REPEAL SECTION 21 (C)(5) OF SAID ARTICLE 101 AND SAID SUBTITLE AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 741 OF THE ACTS OF 1970 REPEALING A PROVISION EXEMPTING FROM THE COVERAGE OF SAID CHAPTER 741 ANY PERSON EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new ~~Section 21(49c)~~ be and it is hereby added to PARAGRAPH (7) TO SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION 21 OF Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments," to follow immediately after ~~Section 21(49b)~~ PARAGRAPH (6) OF SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION 21 thereof and to read as follows:

~~21(49c)~~ 21(B)(7).

Farming and dairy farming, other than office work, and including, by way of illustration and not by way of limitation, the operation of any machinery connected with any phase of soil, crop or animal management, construction and repairs of machinery and fixtures, and the handling of any crops or animals with or without machinery.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A FARMER IS DEFINED AS ONE WHO HAS THREE (3) OR MORE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OR WHO HAS A YEARLY PAYROLL FOR HIS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO SEASONAL OR MIGRATORY FARM LABORERS WHO DO NOT OPERATE MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT.

SEC. 1A. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, THAT SECTION 21(C)(5) OF SAID ARTICLE 101 AND SAID SUBTITLE AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 741 OF THE ACTS OF 1970 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY REPEALED.