

the Governor to appoint a substitute member of the Public Service Commission and providing generally for his duties and compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 5A be and it is hereby added to Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Service Commission Law," subtitle "Public Service Commission," to follow immediately after Section 5 thereof, to read as follows:

5A.

The Governor may appoint a substitute Commissioner, who shall serve for a term of six years. The qualifications set forth in Section 5 hereof and the provisions for tenure and removal set forth in Section 6 and Section 8 hereof shall apply to the substitute Commissioner, and his compensation shall be as provided in the Annual Budget. Upon assignment by the Chairman of the Commission, the substitute Commissioner is authorized to sit in the absence of a regular Commissioner, and shall, in such instances, have the authority of a regular Commissioner. He shall also be eligible for designation by the Governor as the State's representative on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 517
(House Bill 493)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 11-803(a) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 11. Rules of the Road," subheading "Part VIII. Speed Restrictions," changing the minimum speed limit which may be imposed on State roads by local authorities under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 11-803(a) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 11. Rules of the Road," subheading "Part VIII. Speed Restrictions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

11-803.

(a) Whenever local authorities in their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted under this article is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway, the local authority may de-