

(9) As used in this subsection:

(i) The term "fiscal year" means the twelve-month period from July 1 of each year through June 30 of the next year.

(ii) The term "computation date" with respect to rates of contribution for any fiscal year means March 31 of the preceding fiscal year.

(iii) The term "annual payroll" means the total amount of wages for employment paid by an employer within any calendar year with respect to which contributions have been paid on or before the computation date.

(iv) The term "principal base period employer" means the employer by whom an individual was paid the largest amount of his base period wages.

(v) The term "base period wages" means wages paid to an individual during his base period for insured work.

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

Approved April 11, 1972.

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## CHAPTER 65

(House Bill 882)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 674 of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," subtitle "Witnesses," and to repeal in its entirety Section 675 of the same Code, Article, title and subtitle, to specify compensation for witnesses in Allegany County and to eliminate a restriction on witness compensation of persons living in a certain area of the County, and generally relating to the compensation of witnesses in Allegany County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 674 of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," subtitle "Witnesses," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

674.

The County Commissioners shall levy annually a sufficient sum, in advance, to pay the States' witnesses for said county, and shall pay them from such levy the sums to which the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall certify them to be entitled, upon the production of such certificate. *Witnesses shall receive a fee in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for each appearance and expenses for mileage in the amount of ten cents (10¢) per mile, round trip.*