

be the duty of the Governor to prepare and publish such rules and regulations governing the assignment of persons to work under this subtitle as will assure that all persons similarly circumstanced shall, as far as it is possible to do so, be treated alike. In fixing the period of work to which anyone is assigned, and in determining its nature, the Governor shall take into consideration the age, physical condition and any other appropriate circumstances of the person so assigned. The rules and regulations adopted under the provisions of this subtitle shall make allowances for such facts and circumstances. Any such person failing or refusing to do or to continue to do the work assigned to him *or her*, and who, in the meanwhile, has not become regularly or continuously employed in some business, occupation, trade or profession, shall, upon conviction, ~~before any justice of the peace having criminal jurisdiction,~~ be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or be imprisoned not more than six months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court. ~~or justice.~~

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

Approved May 5, 1972.

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CHAPTER 212

(Senate Bill 439)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 204 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Teachers' Retirement System," to extend to both sexes a special monthly life allowance, unless spouse remarries, for the surviving spouse of a public school teacher who has rendered thirty years' service as a teacher, and who died while on leave of absence for illness, but which does not apply to a surviving spouse who is entitled to or receiving any continuing retirement or pension benefits under this subtitle.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 204 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Teachers Retirement System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

204.

The **["widow"]** *surviving spouse* of any former public school teacher who was a member of the Teachers' Retirement System at the time of his *or her* death and who rendered thirty years of service as a teacher, and who prior to July 1, 1962 died while on leave of absence for illness shall receive a special allowance in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month. In order to be entitled to such special allowance, the **["widow"]** *surviving spouse* must have been married to the former teacher for a period of not less than three years prior to his *or her* death. A **["widow"]** *surviving spouse* who is