

veterans, one of whom shall be designated by the Secretary of Employment and Social Services as chairman. Each congressional district shall be represented, and one member shall be an at-large member. The Maryland Veterans Commission shall be part of the State Department of Employment and Social Services. Members shall be eligible for reappointment to the Commission. All persons who are members of the Commission as of August 31, 1970, shall continue to serve as members until the expiration of the terms to which they were appointed. All appointments to the Commission shall be for seven-year terms. The department commander of the American Legion, *the department commander of the Marine Corps League*, the department commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the department commander of the Disabled American Veterans, the department commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans, the department commander of the World War I Veterans, the department commander of the Catholic War Veterans and the department commander of the Jewish War Veterans shall constitute an advisory committee to the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Employment and Social Services, without vote.

The members of the Commission as thus constituted shall serve without pay; members of the Commission shall be paid actual traveling expenses necessitated by their duties, when authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Maryland Veterans Commission, subject to the provisions of Article 41, Section 205C of this Code, shall make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for administration and disbursement of such veterans' relief funds as are provided for in the budget, and the State Service Officer, hereinafter provided for, shall approve all bills and vouchers before payment by the Comptroller.

There shall be a committee of ~~eight~~ *nine* persons, to be known as the advisory Maryland veterans committee, composed of the current department commanders, respectively, of the American Legion, *the Marine Corps League*, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Spanish-American War Veterans, the World War I Veterans, the Catholic War Veterans, the Jewish War Veterans and the designee of the Fleet Reserve Association as determined by its board of directors of Branch 6. The members of such committee shall serve without pay and the committee shall advise and work with the Maryland Veterans Commission in the duties imposed upon them by this subtitle, but shall not be members of the Commission.

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

Approved May 5, 1972.

CHAPTER 296

(House Bill 673)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 700D of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "III Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Prisoners," to add