

## CHAPTER 98

(Senate Bill 657)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Division of Labor and Industry," subtitle "Arbitration of Labor Disputes," to substitute the name Mediation and Conciliation Service for the Division of Mediation and Conciliation, to remove the maximum amount to be appropriated for and expenditures by said Service, and to make certain changes in the language therein for the purposes of clarity and conciseness.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Division of Labor and Industry," subtitle "Arbitration of Labor Disputes," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

Upon information furnished by an employer of labor, whether person, firm or corporation, or by a committee of employees, or from any other reliable source, that a controversy or dispute has risen between employer and employees, involving employers with ten or more employees, which controversy may result in a strike or lockout, the Commissioner or such person officially connected with his office may be deputized in writing by the said Commissioner, shall at once visit the place of controversy or dispute and seek to mediate between the parties if in his discretion it is necessary so to do.] UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AN EMPLOYER WITH TEN OR MORE EMPLOYEES, OR BY ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES OF [THE] THE EMPLOYER, OR FROM ANY OTHER RELIABLE SOURCE, THAT A DISPUTE HAS ARISEN BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER AND ITS EMPLOYEES, WHICH MAY RESULT IN A STRIKE OR LOCKOUT, THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS DESIGNEE MAY INVESTIGATE THE DISPUTE AND SEEK TO MEDIATE IT. Every organization representing employees for the purposes of collective bargaining shall no later than January 10, 1970, and by January 10 of each year thereafter submit to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a complete report of all collective bargaining agreements containing a termination date effective during that calendar year. The report shall contain the name and address of the employer, the total number of employees in the business establishment, the total number of employees in the bargaining unit and the termination date of the existing collective bargaining agreement. Every organization representing employees for the purpose of collective bargaining shall further report to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry within five days following designation as recognized or certified bargaining agent by the National Labor Relations Board or by any other agency, public or private, notification of such recognition or certification. The report to the Commissioner shall contain the name and address of the employer, total number of employees in the business establishment, total number of employees in the bargaining unit and, if known, the date negotiations for establishment of a collective bargaining agreement are to begin. Within the [Department] DIVISION of Labor and Industry there shall be a [Division of Mediation and Conciliation] MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE which on behalf of the Commissioner shall administer the provisions of this subtitle. [The appropriation for and expenditures by this division shall not exceed \$36,000 in any fiscal year.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.