

Fund shall be made TO EACH SUBDIVISION AND QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY by the State Treasurer upon warrants of the State Comptroller. Payments shall be made at the end of each quarter of each fiscal year thereafter, and shall be paid in approximately equal amounts for each quarter TO THE APPROPRIATE QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY OR SUBDIVISION. [Each subdivision required by § 37 to make distribution to municipalities shall do so as soon as practicable following receipt of payment by the subdivision.]

39.

The Superintendent of the Maryland State Police shall administer the State Aid for Police Protection Fund. He shall certify to the Comptroller and to the subdivisions AND QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITIES the amount of payments to the subdivisions[, and the amounts to be distributed by the subdivisions to the] AND qualifying municipalities. He shall make such regulations and require such reports as are necessary to certify the amounts. In administering the fund, he shall make a continuing effort to establish standards of police protection adequate to the various local situations, and shall report periodically to the General Assembly on progress in establishing and meeting those standards. In determining qualification under § 37 (a) (7), the minimum standards determined by the Police Training Commission under authority of § 70A of Article 41, Annotated Code of Maryland, shall be applied. The Police Training Commission shall print and distribute to all municipalities its rules and regulations setting forth the minimum standards of police qualifications. In the event a municipality fails to meet the minimum standards for two successive years, the Superintendent shall withhold payments to the municipality with respect to the second year. Any payment withheld for noncompliance is forfeited, and a claim may not be made by the municipality for the funds.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 500

(House Bill 982)

AN ACT concerning

Workmen's Compensation Commission

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Workmen's Compensation Commission annually to assess each self-insured