

assistant State's attorneys, senior assistant State's attorneys and the assistant State's attorneys shall perform whatever work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as authorized by law, and under the direction of the State's Attorney, may present cases to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations and perform whatever other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of the office as are necessary and proper.

(9) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding [\$15,000] \$16,050 per annum, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council. The administrative assistant is not subject to the rules and regulations of the county merit system, but shall be entitled to all benefits provided for county employees under the merit system.

(10) The salary of the State's Attorney, the deputy State's attorney, principal assistant State's attorney, senior assistant State's attorneys and the assistant State's attorneys shall be paid in equal semimonthly installments.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

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CHAPTER 377

(House Bill 1362)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Yard Track Safety

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Public Service Commission or its authorized agents to close yard tracks immediately under certain conditions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 38A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland