

SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS.

21. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. If any provision, clause, sentence or section of this Act shall be declared to be invalid or in violation of any provision of the State or Federal Constitution, the remainder of said Act shall stand and be effective notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved December 17, 1936.

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Having been advised by the Federal Social Security Board that the Unemployment Insurance Bill as enacted by the General Assembly in recent Extraordinary Session, must first be approved by me before that Board can certify that it meets with the minimum requirements of the Federal Law, I have this day affixed my signature, and shall immediately send the completed Bill to Washington for approval.

The measure is clearly deficient in several particulars, but, in the main, it follows the structure of the bill prepared by the Committee which I appointed recently. Although the reduction in the rate of tax, with its consequent reduction of benefits to the employees of Maryland, is regrettable, this involves only a matter of detail which I am confident will before long be suitably amended.

The real achievement was the incorporation into the permanent fabric of the social policy of our State of the principle of unemployment insurance legislation, for the Legislature has wisely provided that the State law will not depend for its validity upon the constitutionality of the Federal Social Security Act.