

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 17 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Merit System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

17. The State Employees Standard Salary Board shall formulate rules and regulations for the administration of Sections 15-17 which shall include provisions for automatic increases, from minimum to maximum, of the rates established by the schedule except that said Board shall have the power to establish flat or fixed salaries and wage rates for special classifications or cases, for a period not to exceed two years, where, upon the recommendation of the State Employment Commissioner and in the discretion of said Board, provisions for automatic increases are deemed inadvisable; and such rules shall, after approval by the Governor, have the force of law in the same manner as other conditions herein prescribed. Provided, that the rate of pay of any employee, who on June 1, 1943, is paid at a higher rate than the maximum rate of the scale prescribed for his class, shall not be reduced by reason of the establishment of the standard rates of pay prescribed, so long as he remains the incumbent of the same position and class, but the rate of pay for his successor in the same position and class shall conform to the rate of pay prescribed for his position and class.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.*

Approved January 26, 1945.

CHAPTER 10.

(House Bill 45)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (b) of Section 240 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Gasoline Tax", including Diesel oil, oil, or other liquids used in Diesel engines or in any internal combustion engines for the propulsion of motor vehicles in the list of motor vehicle fuels subject to the license tax on motor vehicle fuels.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sub-section (b) of Section 240 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Licenses",*