

to such persons at least ten days prior to the date set for hearing.

B. A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings had at such hearing.

C. The Commissioner shall prescribe rules of procedure for such hearings. The Department shall not be bound by the usual common law or statutory rules of evidence or by any technical or formal rules of procedure other than as specifically provided in this sub-title, but may conduct such hearings in such manner as is best calculated to ascertain the substantial rights of the parties interested.

D. The Commissioner shall have the power to administer oaths, certify to official acts and records of the Department, issue subpoenas for witnesses in the name of and under the seal of the Department, compel the production of papers, books, accounts, and documents; and he shall issue subpoenas at the instance of any party to a hearing before the Department upon payment of a fee of twenty-five cents (25¢) for each subpoena so issued.

E. Each witness who shall appear before the Department by its order shall receive the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil actions in the Circuit Court of any county or any law court of Baltimore City. Said fees and mileage shall be paid by the state, but no witness subpoenaed at the instance of parties other than the Department shall be entitled to compensation from the state for attendance or mileage unless the Commissioner shall certify that his testimony is material.

F. Depositions may be taken with or without a commission in the same manner and on the same grounds provided by law for the taking of depositions in actions pending in the Circuit Courts of this state, or any law court of Baltimore City.

162. (Rehearing before Commissioner.) Any interested party to a formal hearing before the Commissioner may, and before he can seek a review as provided herein shall, within 20 days after written notice of its decision, file an application before the Commissioner for a rehearing of the matter.

163. (Review.) Within 20 days after notice that the application for a rehearing is denied, or if the application is granted within 20 days after notice of the rendition of a decision on the rehearing, any interested party may apply to the Circuit Court of any county or any law court of Baltimore City for the purpose of having the lawfulness of any original