

fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 27, 1945.

CHAPTER 938.

(House Bill 841)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Statistics and Information as to Branches of Industry", changing the title to "Department of Labor and Industry", and revising the law in certain particulars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Statistics and Information as to Branches of Industry", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that said title be changed to read as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

1. The Department of Labor and Industry is hereby created. The head of said Department shall be known as the Commissioner and shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of six years, and until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified, and shall devote his entire time to the performance of the duties of his office. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The term of the present Commissioner is hereby extended until the first Monday in May, 1949. The Governor may at any time remove the Commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The salary of the Commissioner shall be \$5,000 per annum. The said Commissioner shall be allowed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

The title of the present Administrative Assistant shall be Deputy Commissioner and the said Deputy Commissioner shall retain, without further examination, all rights and privileges under the State Merit System Law and the State Employees' Retirement System.

At any time hereafter the office of Deputy Commissioner shall become vacant the Employment Commissioner shall, as