

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 212 of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", sub-title "Taxicabs", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

212.

In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County and other persons who may use taxicab facilities therein, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are hereby authorized and empowered to enact, amend and repeal resolutions, to fix requirements for ownership and operation of taxicabs in St. Mary's County and to provide for inspection and licensing of taxicabs, their owners and operators. *The ANNUAL license fees set by the County Commissioners pursuant to the power given them by this section shall not be less than \$50 for the first taxicab owned and operated by any person and \$25 for each additional taxicab owned and operated by said person.* The regulation herein provided for the taxicab industry in St. Mary's County shall be in addition to any regulation by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of Maryland or the Public Service Commission of Maryland. *However, any applicant seeking a license for a taxicab who has not been in the taxicab business in St. Mary's County for at least ~~three years~~ ONE YEAR prior to his application, shall, before the County Commissioners pass upon his application, obtain a written permit from the Public Service Commission. Said permit shall be issued by the Public Service Commission only upon written application and only if in its judgment, after investigation, the granting of the permit would be ~~but~~ for the public welfare and convenience.* Any person, firm or corporation subject to this sub-title who shall be aggrieved by any resolution of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, enacted pursuant to the authority herein conferred, may commence an action in the Circuit Court of St. Mary's County against the County Commissioners to vacate and set aside any such resolution on the ground that the regulation, practice, act or service established by such resolution is unreasonable or unlawful. The decision of the Circuit Court shall be appealable to the Court of Appeals of Maryland by either party, provided such appeal is entered within twenty days after the judgment of the Circuit Court is rendered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 335

(Senate Bill 388)

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 30 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Merit System", said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (d) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (e) thereof, authorizing and directing the State Employees Standard Salary Board to create a longevity pay plan for State employees effective July 1, 1962.