

[(b)] (d) Per diem employees.—Every per diem State employee who works in excess of forty-four hours in any week shall receive compensation for such hours worked in excess of that time. The amount of compensation for such excess shall be computed by dividing the per diem compensation by eight and multiplying the resulting quotient by the number of hours worked in excess of said forty-four hours.

Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Department of Maryland State Police, Game and Inland Fish Commission, Department of State Forests and Parks, the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and to the Maryland Alcohol Tax Enforcement Unit.

77. (a) *Every State employee shall be entitled to observe with pay the following legal holidays of the State of Maryland:*

*The first day of January, commonly called "New Year's Day"; the 12th of February, known as "Lincoln's Birthday"; the 22nd of February, known as "Washington's Birthday"; the 25th day of March, known as "Maryland Day"; "Good Friday"; the first Monday in September, commonly called "Labor Day"; the 30th of May, commonly called "Decoration Day"; the 4th day of July, called "Independence Day"; the 12th day of September, known as "Defenders' Day"; the 12th day of October, known as "Columbus Day"; the 11th day of November, known as "Veterans' Day"; the day designated as "Thanksgiving Day"; the 25th day of December, called "Christmas Day"; and all days of general and congressional elections throughout the State.*

*(b) Any State employee who from the nature of his duties is required to work on any portion of any of said days shall be given compensatory time for such work. If any of such days shall occur on a Sunday, the Monday next following shall be deemed and treated as a holiday, subject to the same provisions for compensatory time if any such employee shall be required to work for any portion of such Monday. In the alternative, the employee shall be paid overtime compensation for such time worked on any of said designated days.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1956.*

Approved April 4, 1956.