relief funds as the budget may provide, and shall prepare in proper form and present and prosecute the claims of male and female veterans, and their dependents, with the United States Veterans Administration and other federal agencies, and shall secure and expedite action on said claims. It shall be the duty of the State Service [Officer] and Executive Officer to supervise the State service centers provided for in [paragraph] Section 7 of this article, and to keep in contact with the United States Veterans Administration so that the status of any claim shall be known at any time; to continue to survey the State in order that no veterans or their dependents may be neglected and to perform such other duties as the Commission may direct. The State Service [Officer] and Executive Officer, and the other employees of the Commission, shall be paid, in addition to the salaries to which they are entitled under the Standard Salary Law of the State, their actual and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the performance of such duties as the Commission may authorize and direct. Direct financial relief, under this subtitle, shall be limited to veterans or the chronically sick, disabled or indigent widows or infant children of veterans who have been residents of Maryland for at least one year immediately prior to the date of their application for such relief, and providing no compensation is being received from any other state or country.

The Maryland Veterans Commission shall make and preserve a permanent registry of the graves of all persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war, who are buried in the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 1, 1970

CHAPTER 9

(Senate Bill 167)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 51 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Historic Area Zoning," amending the zoning and planning laws of this State in order to make certain corrections in the references thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 51 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Historic Area Zoning," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

66B, 51.

The provisions of this **[**title**]** subtitle are severable, and if any of its provisions are held unconstitutional by any court of com-