

eight-point type, in black letters and upon white paper of sufficient weight and thickness as to be clearly readable. If such recordable instrument shall be wholly typewritten or typewritten on a printed form, the typewriting shall be in black letters, in not less than elite type and upon white paper of sufficient weight or thickness as to be clearly readable. The recording charges for any such instrument not conforming to the requirements of this section but offered for recordation shall be three times the charge now allowed by law for the recording of the same. In those clerks' offices where such instruments are photostated or microfilmed no instrument upon which a rider or riders have been placed or attached in such a manner as to obscure, hide or cover any other part of the instrument shall be offered or received for record and no instrument not otherwise readily subject to photostating or microfilming shall be offered or received for record until a charge equal to three times the fee now allowed by law for the recording of the same shall have been paid to such clerk.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

In another effort to reduce the burden of recordkeeping in the offices of the clerks of court, we again had introduced a bill which would have permitted the destruction of certain types of original instruments which had been recorded and which were more than twenty years old. This bill also failed, but since it will be reintroduced it is printed here for ready reference.

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts", said new section to be known as Section 63A and to follow immediately after Section 63 of said Article, providing that the Clerks of the Circuit Court of the counties and the Superior Court of Baltimore City may destroy any instrument which remains in their possession twenty years after it is recorded.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts", said new section to be