

so paid within thirty days from the filing of said award and confirmation by said court, or in the case of an appeal, within thirty days from the confirmation of said award by the Court of Appeals, the amount of the award shall be a decree against the said corporation, which decree shall be a prior lien to any mortgage or other lien placed on its property or franchises by the consolidated corporation or, in the case of a merger, by the surviving corporation after such merger has become effective, and may be collected as other decrees in said court are by law collectible.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.

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CHAPTER 453

(Senate Bill 291)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 25 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Health," sub-title "State Registrar of Vital Statistics," raising the fees for birth and death certificates in Charles County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 25 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Health," sub-title "State Registrar of Vital Statistics," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

25.

(b) The local registrar shall receive for performing the services required under this sub-title the following fees: For each proper and correct certificate of birth or death as provided in this sub-title, except those transmitted to him by any deputy local registrar, and for each monthly report rendered to the State Registrar reporting that no certificates have been received, the sum of fifty cents to be paid by the County upon warrant of the County Commissioners, and in the case where such certificates are transmitted by the deputy local registrar such deputy local registrar shall receive such fee in his stead. For each transcript of a birth or death as provided in Section 16 of