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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1952.*

Approved March 28, 1952.

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## CHAPTER 52

(House Bill 29)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 77 of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

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