

*County. This facility shall be manned and operated by competent personnel twenty-four hours a day on each and every day of the year.*

*(b) The Commissioners are authorized and directed to employ such personnel for the facility and to pay such salaries as they deem necessary.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 8, 1959.

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CHAPTER 526

(House Bill 721)

AN ACT to add new Section 31 to Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Eminent Domain", sub-title "Surveys for Public Works", to follow immediately after Section 30 of said Article, providing for the payment of certain costs under certain conditions by the condemnor in the event a ~~property owner receives official notice of condemnation or~~ condemnation proceedings ARE filed and thereafter the condemning authority abandons the acquisition.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 31 be and it is hereby added to Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Eminent Domain", sub-title "Surveys for Public Works", to follow immediately after Section 30 thereof, and to read as follows:*

31.

*(a) In cases where condemnation proceedings have been filed ~~or actual official notice has been given of the intent to file condemnation proceedings and such proceedings or intent to condemn are abandoned, and in any case where an Inquisition has been returned by a Jury in a condemnation case and the condemning party abandons the acquisition, the defendant or defendants in the condemnation proceedings, or the owner or owners in cases where suit has not actually been filed but where such official notice has been given of the intent to file condemnation proceedings to acquire property,~~ shall be entitled to recover from the condemning authority reasonable expenses actually incurred as a result of the condemnation proceedings. ~~or such official notice.~~ Such expenses shall be limited to reasonable legal, appraisal and engineering fees actually incurred by the owner of the property because of the condemnation suit. ~~or such official notice.~~ If the condemnor and the condemnee are unable to agree as to the amount of said fees, the matter shall be determined by a Judge of the Circuit Court of the County (or the Superior Court of*

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

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.