

CHAPTER 770

(House Bill 647)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5(a) of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Fines and Forfeitures", and to add new Section 61A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), excepting Howard County from the law requiring one-half of the fines imposed by county circuit courts to be used for augmentation of the libraries of said courts, and requiring the county commissioners of Howard County to appropriate a certain sum annually for the maintenance of the Howard County Bar Library.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 5(a) of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Fines and Forfeitures", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) One half of the fines imposed and recognizances forfeited to the circuit court for the several counties of the State, shall be paid to the clerks of the respective courts, to be expended under the direction of the judge or judges of said courts, for the augmentation of the libraries of said courts, and one half of the fines and recognizances received by the city treasurer of Baltimore City from the justices of the peace in Baltimore City and the Sheriff of Baltimore City, as adjudged by and accruing in the criminal courts of Baltimore City, and collected and received by or through the said sheriff, shall be paid by the city treasurer to the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar for its use and benefit, said sum to the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar not to exceed, however, in any year the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). This section not to apply to Queen Anne's, Anne Arundel, *Howard* and Talbot counties. No commission or charge shall be paid to any clerk of the court for collecting and paying over said fines. In Baltimore County, this section shall not apply to fines imposed in gambling cases.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That new Section 61A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), to read as follows:

61A.

The Board of County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby authorized and directed to appropriate annually for the maintenance and support of the Howard County Bar Library the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, payable quarterly to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County.

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.