

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 30, 1963.

CHAPTER 640
(House Bill 841)

AN ACT to add new Section 163 (d) to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," subtitle "Planning and Subdivision Control," to follow immediately after Section 163 (c) thereof, and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 165 thereof, to amend the planning and subdivision law of Howard County relating to relaxation of minimum subdivision regulations under certain conditions, and to penalties for sale or transfer of subdivision land prior to approval and recording of plats or prior to relation of minimum subdivision regulations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 163(d) 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), title "Howard County," subtitle "Planning and Subdivision Control," to follow immediately after Section 163 (c) thereof, and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 165 thereof, to amend the planning and subdivision law of Howard County, and to read as follows:

163.

(d) The Planning Commission may at its discretion relax the minimum requirements of the Subdivision Regulations upon presentation of a petition substantiating the desirability of such action, to the extent deemed just and proper in order to grant relief and at the same time protect the public interest.

165.

Whoever, being the owner or agent of the owner of any land located within a subdivision, transfers or sells or leases or agrees to sell or negotiates to sell any land by reference to, or exhibition of, a plat or by any other means and every bargainee or transferee and the agent of such bargainee or transferee who shall accept or knowingly be a party to any such transfer, lease or sale before a plat has been approved by the Planning Commission and recorded, or filed, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County, *or the minimum requirements of the Subdivision Regulations have been relaxed by the Planning Commission*, shall each forfeit and pay a penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each lot or parcel so transferred, leased, or sold, or agreed, or negotiated to be sold; and the description of a lot or parcel by metes and bounds in the instrument of transfer or other document used in the process of selling or transferring shall not exempt the transaction from such penalties or from the remedies herein provided. The Board