SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in the event any prosecutions referred to in this section have been instituted on the effective date of this Act, the prosecuting officer who instituted the same may, in his discretion, desist from the continued prosecution thereof if in his judgment he would not have prosecuted the same had the language of the section been directory rather than mandatory.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 592

(House Bill 521)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 120(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Restrictions upon Licensees," to revise the restrictions applicable in Allegany County to the employment of minors by alcoholic beverage licensees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 120(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Restrictions upon Licensees," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

120.

(a) In Allegany County it shall be unlawful for any *liquor* licensee under this article to employ any person under the age of twenty-one years *and for any other class of licensee to employ any person under the age of eighteen years* in the sale of alcoholic beverages or in connection with the business thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 593

(House Bill 534)

AN ACT to add new Sections 20(k) and 21(d) to Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Fees of Officers," subtitle "Justices of the Peace," to follow re-