

(1967 Replacement Volume), title "Zoning and Planning", subtitle "Historic Area Zoning", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and new Section 40A be and it is hereby added to said Article, title and subtitle of said Code to follow immediately after Section 40 thereof, and all to read as follows:

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A county or a municipal corporation may create a commission to be called "the historic district commission." The commission shall have a membership of from three to seven persons all of whom are qualified by interest and agree to serve on this commission and all of whom are residents of the county or municipal corporation as the case may be. The members shall be appointed for terms of three years each except that in making the initial appointments some appointments shall be established for less than three years in order that as these initial terms expire all appointments shall be for three years and shall not expire at the same time. Members of any commission are eligible for reappointment. Any vacancy on a commission shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term of the particular position. County or municipal authorities may consult private societies or agencies to request the names of possible members on a commission. *The Commission shall have the right to accept and use gifts for the exercise of its functions.*

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*The Commission may purchase architectural easements in connection with structures located in or adjacent to the historic district. Such easement shall grant to the Commission, the residents of the historic district, and the general public the perpetual right to have the exterior appearance of any structure upon which it is applied retained in substantially the same character as when the easement took effect.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 163

(Senate Bill 631)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 657 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Health", subtitle "Sanitary Districts", to provide that, in Allegany County, the Sanitary Commission shall be authorized to levy and collect a pro rata benefit charge for the remainder of a fiscal year in which a water supply or sewerage project is completed before assessing the annual benefit assessment charge.