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(a) (2) A payment bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this State satisfactory to the public body for the protection of all persons supplying labor and materials to the contractor or his subcontractor in the prosecution of the work provided for in the contract for the use of each such person. The bond shall be in the amount not less than fifty per centum (50%) of the total amount payable by the terms of the contract. Any contractor covered by such a bond shall not be required to furnish a waiver of mechanics' liens to the State. *Any contractor prior to receiving a progress or final payment under a contract covered hereunder shall certify in writing that he has made payment from proceeds of prior payments, and that he will make timely payment from the proceeds of the progress or final payment then due him, to his subcontractors and suppliers in accordance with his contractual arrangements with them.*

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

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 526
(Senate Bill 256)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 277(o) and 278 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Recordation Tax," to CHANGE the rate of the recordation tax applicable within Harford County to instruments recorded with the clerk of the court for the county, to provide for the disposition of the proceeds from the additional tax rate authorized by this Act and to provide for the subdivision of Section 278.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 277(o) and 278 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Recordation Tax," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(o) The rate of tax applicable to instruments recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County shall be as follows: In the case of instruments conveying title to property, the tax shall be at the rate of \$2.20 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof of the actual consideration paid or to be paid; in the case of instruments securing a debt the tax shall be at the rate of \$2.20 for each \$500 of the principal amount of the debt secured; *and after ~~May~~ JULY 1, 1968, an additional tax on such instruments shall be imposed at the rate of 55¢ or fractional part thereof of actual consideration or debt secured.*