

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 38 (a) of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Historic Area Zoning," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and new Section 51 added to follow immediately after Section 50 thereof, and to read as follows:

38.

(a) The preservation of structures of historic and architectural value is a public purpose in this State. The board of county commissioners or county council of every county in the State [in those counties in which this subtitle is effective] and the mayor and city council by whatever name known, of every municipal corporation in this State [in those counties in which this subtitle is effective] and the mayor and city council of Baltimore City have power by ordinance or resolution to regulate the construction, alteration, repair, moving, and demolition of such structures within their respective limits. Hereafter in this subtitle such counties and municipal corporations are referred to as "county" or "counties" or "municipal corporations" as the case may be. [This subtitle is effective only in the counties of Anne Arundel, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's and St. Mary's and Baltimore City.]

51.

*The provisions of this title are severable, and if any of its provisions are held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.

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#### CHAPTER 472

(Senate Bill 682)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 51 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Clerks of Courts," subtitle "Clerks of Circuit Courts and Superior Court of Baltimore City," to ~~repeal the authority of the Clerk to refuse to accept an instrument not readily subject to microfilming and to require an affidavit listing all pertinent information to be filed with any instrument to be recorded when said instrument is of poor quality for reproduction purposes.~~

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 51 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Clerks of Courts," subtitle