

Section 73-8 thereof, to prohibit certain conduct and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 73-9 and 73-10 be and they are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Sureties," to follow immediately after Section 73-8 thereof, and to read as follows:*

73-9.

(a) *It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in the business or activity of becoming surety for compensation on bonds in criminal cases, or for any agent, employee or representative of such person (hereinafter called "bondsman"), either directly or indirectly, to give, donate, lend, contribute, or to promise to give, donate, loan or contribute any money, property, entertainment, or other thing of value whatsoever to any attorney-at-law, police officer, sheriff, jailer, probation officer, clerk or other attache of any court having criminal jurisdiction in the county, or public official, or employee, of any character, for procuring or assisting in procuring any person to employ such bondsman to execute as surety any bond for compensation in any criminal case.*

(b) *It shall be unlawful for any attorney-at-law, police officer, sheriff, jailer, probation officer, clerk, bailiff, or other attache of any court having criminal jurisdiction in the county or public official or employee of any character, to accept or receive from any such bondsman any money, property, entertainment, or other thing of value whatsoever for procuring or assisting in procuring any person to employ any bondsman to execute as surety any bond for compensation in any criminal court.*

(c) *It shall be unlawful for any bondsman, either directly or indirectly, to procure, suggest, aid in the procurement of or to cause in any way whatsoever the obtaining or employment of any attorney-at-law for any person in a criminal case.*

(d) *It shall be lawful to charge for executing any bond in a criminal case, but it shall be unlawful for any bondsman, either directly or indirectly, to charge, accept, or receive any sum of money, or other thing of value, other than the regular fee for bonding, from any person for whom he has executed bond for any other service whatever performed in connection with any indictment, information, or charge upon which such person is bailed or held.*

(e) *It also shall be unlawful for any bondsman to settle, or attempt to settle, or to procure or attempt to procure, the dismissal of any warrant, indictment, information, or charge against any person in custody or held upon bond, with any court, or judge, magistrate, or justice of any court, or with the prosecuting attorney in any court.*

73-10.

Any person violating any provision of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment of not more than six months, or both; and if the person so convicted be a bondsman, or the agent, clerk or representative of a bondsman, he shall be