

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 25½ be and it is hereby added to Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Criminal Jurisdiction," to follow immediately after Section 25 thereof, and to read as follows:*

25½.

(a) *In the People's Court of Montgomery County, in all criminal or motor vehicle violations for which bond has been set, it may be posted by a defendant or by a private surety acting in his behalf, by executing the bond in the full amount and depositing with the Clerk of the Court or the Committing Magistrate a sum of money equal to ten (10%) percent of the bond that has been set. A judge may increase the percentage of cash surety required in a particular case, but in no event shall a cash deposit be less than \$25.00. This section does not apply if the defendant has been arrested for failure to appear in court or for contempt of court.*

(b) *Upon depositing the sum provided in subsection (a) hereof and executing the recognizance, the person shall be released from custody subject to the conditions of the bail bond. When all conditions of the bond have been performed without default and the defendant has been discharged from all obligations in the cause for which the recognizance was posted, the Clerk of the Court shall return the amount deposited ~~less one (1%) percent thereof to be retained by the Clerk as costs.~~*

(c) *If the defendant fails to perform any or all of the conditions of the bail bond, it shall be forfeited; and in the event of forfeiture, the liability of the bond shall extend to the full amount of the bond set and the amount previously posted as a deposit shall be applied to reduce the liability incurred by the forfeiture.*

(d) *No person shall receive any fee, commission, or other compensation whatever for the posting of a bond under this section; and any person receiving a fee, commission, or compensation therefor shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Court.*

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

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 267
(House Bill 236)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 78(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Rights and Duties of Licensees," to permit the estate of a deceased holder of an alcoholic beverages license to continue the license until the final administration of the estate. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE TO CONTINUE THE LICENSE UPON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE FOR CERTAIN PERIODS NOT TO EX-**