

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the licensing provisions of this Act shall not apply to any person who obtained a taxicab license prior to January 1, 1966. ANY PERSON NOT HOLDING A LICENSE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1966 SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CECIL COUNTY AND JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TAXICABS IN SAID COUNTY.

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON, SUCH INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS ACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END, ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 273

(House Bill 278)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 645S of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Venue, Procedure and Sentence," subheading "Employment of Prisoners," to remove the exception as to Dorchester County for purposes of employment of prisoners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 645S of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Venue, Procedure and Sentence," subheading "Employment of Prisoners," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

645S.

The provisions of this subtitle apply in Baltimore City and in all counties except [Dorchester,] Montgomery, Somerset and Wicomico counties.

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

Approved April 23, 1969.