revert to the general treasury of the State and shall be paid over by the Commission to the Comptroller; provided, however, that, due to the present emergency, amounts equal to the deductions of any licensee on hand in the Racing Fund at the effective date of this act may be granted as contribution to capital by the Commission to the licensee who contributed such amount for the purposes herein provided at any time prior to March 31, 1953. If and when any licensee abandons its present location for racing and operates at the track of another licensee, its pro rata share of the Racing Fund may, by mutual agreement between the licensees involved, with the approval of the Racing Commission, be granted by the Commission and, if so, is hereby appropriated for capital improvements, as hereinabove authorized, at the track of the licensee wherein the meeting was run.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 28, 1970

CHAPTER 476 (House Bill 497)

AN ACT to add new Section 230B to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Real Estate Brokers," to follow immediately after Section 230A thereof, providing that it shall be unlawful to solicit real property for sale in certain ways, and providing for a penalty for violation thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 230B be and it is hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Real Estate Brokers," to follow immediately after Section 230A thereof, and to read as follows:

230B.

- (a) It shall be unlawful, in transactions involving residential real estate, for real estate brokers, salesmen, dealers, or their agents to solicit or attempt to solicit the listing of residential properties for sale, or lease, by door to door solicitation, in person, or by telephone, or by mass distribution of circulars, or by any random method in a given area. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
- (b) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for one year, or both.
- SEC. 2. 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, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.