

Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Courts for the Counties—Court Stenographers," to provide that in Prince George's County no person shall engage in the bail bondsman business in criminal cases until he shall have been approved under such rules as the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, may adopt, and to provide for the fee charged for bonding.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 30A of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Courts for the Counties—Court Stenographers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

30A.

The circuit courts for each of the counties of the second and seventh judicial circuits are authorized to prescribe by rule of court the terms and conditions of bail bonds filed in the circuit court or with any inferior court, trial magistrate or justice of the peace in or for each county respectively. The power granted herein includes but is not limited to prescribing the qualifications of and fees charged by bondsmen. Violations of any rule of court promulgated hereunder shall be considered contempt of court and punished as for contempt. *In addition to those rules promulgated by the Seventh Judicial Circuit and pertaining to Prince George's County it is hereby provided that in Prince George's County no person shall engage in the business of becoming surety for compensation on bonds in criminal cases until he shall have been approved by such rules as the Circuit Court for Prince George's County may adopt. The said bondsmen so approved shall pay a license fee of one (1) percent of the gross value of all bonds written in all courts of the county. The fee shall be paid to the court as prescribed by the rules of court. The said fee shall be used for the payment of any expenses incident to the administration of this Act. Any absolute bond forfeitures collected may be used to defray the above expenses.*

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

Approved May 5, 1970

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CHAPTER 638

(House Bill 1343)

AN ACT to add new Section 594D to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Venue, Procedure and Sentence," to follow immediately after Section 594C thereof and to be under the new subheading "Personal Summons in Lieu of Arrest—Prince George's County," to provide a discretionary procedure of personal summons in lieu of arrest in mis-