

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply to circumstances which arose before and after the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 28, 1971.

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CHAPTER 770  
(House Bill 27)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 162 through 189, inclusive, of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 16. Public Libraries," and to enact new Sections 162 to ~~184~~ 182, inclusive, in lieu thereof, to follow immediately after Section 161 thereof, and to stand in the place of the sections so repealed; AND TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (72) TO SECTION 9 OF ARTICLE 81 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1970 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "REVENUE AND TAXES," SUBTITLE "WHAT SHALL BE TAXED AND WHERE," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUBSECTION (71) THEREOF; to provide among other matters for a statement of legislative intent, the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries, the powers and duties of the State Board of Education with respect to public libraries, the Division of Library Development and Services, Regional Resource Centers, Metropolitan Cooperative Service Programs, the State Resource Center, Boards of Trustees to govern public libraries, ~~the~~ AN OPTIONAL STRUCTURE FOR LIBRARY SERVICES IN CHARTER COUNTIES, CONTINUING THE EXISTING current expense formula for State aid to public libraries, CONTINUING the Public Library Incentive Fund, the repeal of exemptions of certain library systems from the State laws, the recodification of certain sections of the public library laws, the present and future needs of public libraries, THE EXEMPTION OF LIBRARIES FROM PROPERTY TAXATION, and generally relating to public libraries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 162 through 189, inclusive, of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 16. Public Libraries," be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 162 to ~~184~~ 182, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to follow immediately after Section 161 thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, all to read as follows:

162.

*Public library resources and services are essential components of the educational system. THEY stimulate awareness and understanding of critical social issues ~~and problems~~, and assist individuals*