

property of railroads, land and nonoperating property of public utilities, and public utility operating property.

If for any county or Baltimore City, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall estimate that real property is assessed at less than 50 percent or at more than 56 percent, of the assessed valuation of those categories which are estimated to be under- or over-assessed, on the basis of surveys made under the provisions of Section 232(14) of Article 81 of this Code, shall be adjusted (up to 50 percent, if below that ratio, or down to 56 percent, if above that ratio and not above 60 percent); and such adjustments shall apply only to those categories of property which are locally assessed; and any estimated assessed valuation in excess of 60 percent shall be included for the purpose of calculating State aid. *Provided, that the* THE ratio survey utilized in the calculation of State aid for a fiscal year shall be the most recent survey which has been issued as of July 1 of the fiscal year; PROVIDED, THAT FOR THE 1971 AND 1972 FISCAL YEARS ONLY, THE USE OF THE MOST RECENT SURVEY SHALL NOT DIMINISH THE STATE AID FOR ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY THAT WOULD HAVE RESULTED FROM USE OF THE MOST RECENT SURVEY ISSUED AS OF JULY 1 OF THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE STATE AID CALCULATION IS BEING MADE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the survey of ratio of assessment made under the provisions of Section 232(14) of Article 81 of the Code, utilized by the Department of Education in the calculation of State aid for the 1971 fiscal year shall be the survey contained in the ~~Twenty-Seventh~~ TWENTY-EIGHT Biennial Report of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation EXCEPT THAT IF USE OF THIS SURVEY SHALL DIMINISH THE STATE AID FOR ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY IN THE 1971 FISCAL YEAR THE SURVEY CONTAINED IN THE TWENTY-SEVENTH BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION SHALL BE UTILIZED IN CALCULATING THE STATE AID FOR THE 1971 FISCAL YEAR.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 28, 1971.

CHAPTER 788

(House Bill 1053)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 4-103, 4-107(b), 4-107(d) and 4-110 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 4. Antitheft Laws," to repeal and re-enact,