

## CHAPTER 310

(House Bill 615)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 156(c) of Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1969 Replacement Volume), and to add new Section 156(d) to Article 83, title "Sales and Notices," subtitle "Finance Companies," to increase the investigation fee for licensees and ~~perspective~~ PROSPECTIVE licensees LICENSEES examined by the office of the Commissioner of Small Loans and to make special provisions for out of pocket expenses for investigation of license applications or places of business located outside of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 156(c) of Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1969 Replacement Volume), be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that new Section 156(d), be added to Article 83, title "Sales and Notices," subtitle "Finance Companies," all to read as follows:

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(c) Investigation fee. The investigation fee shall be **[\$50]** *one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for each application, except that, when an applicant files applications for licenses for three or more places of business at the same time, the total investigation fee for all the applications shall be **[\$150]** *three hundred dollars (\$300.00)*.

(d) *Investigation expense—In addition to the investigation fee assessed pursuant to Section 156(c), if the applicant files application for license for a place of business located outside of the State of Maryland, such applicant shall pay to the Commissioner, upon presentation BY THE COMMISSIONER of a detailed account, the travel expenses, AND a reasonable living expense allowance, and a per diem established or adopted by the Commissioner as compensation of examiners, as necessarily incurred on account of the investigation. No person shall pay and no examiner shall accept any additional emolument ~~on account~~ BECAUSE of any such examination.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 29, 1971

## CHAPTER 311

(House Bill 616)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 23 of Article 58A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Loans—Consumer," to provide for a penalty for any person who violates the Small Loan Laws of Maryland, whether or not such person is licensed under the provisions of the Small Loan Laws.