

purchased only so much of such capital stock as may be necessary to permit them to qualify as such directors.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 555
(House Bill 823)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Bribery; Obstructing Justice," for the purpose of increasing the penalties for bribing certain persons.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 27 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Bribery; Obstructing Justice," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

27.

If any person shall corruptly or by threats or force endeavor to influence, intimidate or impede any juror, witness or officer in any court of this State in the discharge of his duty, or shall corruptly or by threats or force obstruct or impede, or endeavor to obstruct or impede, the due administration of justice therein, he shall be liable to be prosecuted, therefor by indictment, and on conviction thereof be punished by fine not exceeding [five hundred dollars] ~~one~~ TEN thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three [months] years, or both, according to the nature and aggravation of the offense.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 556
(House Bill 848)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 468(e) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Litter Control Law," and to add new Subsection (i) to Section 468 of said Article, Code, title, subtitle and subheading, ~~to change the penalty for violations of the Litter Control Law and to provide for the disposition of fines collected for violations~~ OF THE LITTER CONTROL LAW.