

and license shall be guilty of a felony MISDEMEANOR and be fined not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$5,000 and may be imprisoned not more than six (6) months.

159E.

The provisions in Sections 159, 159A, 159B, 159C and 159D shall be applicable to DORCHESTER, SOMERSET, WICOMICO, WORCESTER, CHARLES, GARRETT, Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties only.

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

Approved May 31, 1972.

CHAPTER 671

(Senate Bill 380)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 27-2, 27-4 and 27-5 (b) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," and subtitle "Absentee Voting," concerning absentee voting, removing the requirements that applications for absentee ballots by ill and disabled persons be accompanied by a medical certificate; ~~and removing the requirements that applications for emergency absentee ballots be accompanied by physician's or employer's certificates;~~ and removing the requirement that an agent to deliver an absentee ballot must be a ~~registered voter or an employer, supervisor, attorney or member of the voter's immediate family, or that the affidavit of delivery must be under formal oath; and providing that applications for emergency absentee ballots be under penalty of perjury but without formal oath and that an agent's affidavit must be under penalty of perjury but without formal oath; and further providing that an agent to deliver an absentee ballot can be any individual designated by the voter who is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and removing the form for physician's certificate.~~

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 27-2, 27-4 and 27-5 (b) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," and subtitle "Absentee Voting," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

27-2.

(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability ~~confines him to a hospital or causes him to be confined to bed and~~ prevents or will prevent him from being present and personally voting at the polls on any election day shall also be entitled to vote as an absentee voter under this subtitle. Such voter shall make application for an absentee ballot as provided in Section 27-4 of this article ~~and in addition shall obtain a certificate from a duly licensed physician of this State. The certificate shall state that the voter is mentally competent to vote in elections in this State, and that because of~~