CHAPTER 511

(House Bill 143)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 141(a) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax," to provide that licensees under the motor vehicle fuel tax law may file certain [[municipal]] federal, State, or local government bonds as security in lieu of surety bonds and to correct an error therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 141(a) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

141.

(a) Every bond required to be filed by this subtitle shall be filed with the Comptroller in such amount as the Comptroller shall by regulation prescribe provided that in no case shall bond be less than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Such bond shall be in such form as may be approved by the Comptroller, shall be executed by some surety company duly licensed to do business under the laws of the State of [IMryland] MARYLAND, and be conditioned upon the prompt filing of true reports and the payment by the licensee to the Comptroller of any and all motor fuel taxes which are now or which hereafter may be levied or imposed by the State of Maryland, together with any and all penalties and interest thereon, and generally upon faithful compliance with the provisions of this subtitle. BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, OR ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THIS STATE MAY BE FILED IN LIEU OF THE SURETY BOND AS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 512

(House Bill 148)

AN ACT to repeal Section 139-1/2 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Payment of Counsel Fees," and to repeal the subheading "Payment of Counsel Fees," to repeal an obsolete provision of law relating to payment of counsel fees to an attorney appointed to defend an indigent person charged with committing a crime while incarcerated in a State institution.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 139-1/2 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Payment of Counsel Fees," be and it is