

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

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 CHAPTER 690
 (Senate Bill 527)

AN ACT to ~~repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 10(a) of~~ add new Section 10(c) to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Mode of Issuing - General Provisions," to immediately follow Section 10(b) thereof to increase the penalty fees assessed for licenses under the Department of Licensing and Regulations procured after the time prescribed by law and to make this assessment discretionary.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That ~~Section 10(a) of~~ new Section 10(c) be and it is hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Mode of Issuing - General Provisions," ~~be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments~~, to immediately follow Section 10(b) to read as follows:

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~~11(a) All persons, firms and corporations, required to procure licenses under the laws of this State, who shall fail or neglect to procure the same within the time prescribed by law, [shall pay] MAY BE ASSESSED, in addition to the prescribed license fee, an additional fee [equal to ten per centum (10%)] NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY PER CENTUM (20%) of said license fee if the license is obtained at any time during the calendar month next succeeding the month in which the license should have been obtained; and where there is default beyond the month next succeeding the month in which the license should have been obtained, such persons, firms and corporations [shall pay] MAY BE ASSESSED, in addition to the [ten per centum] FEE for the first default, an additional fee [equal to two per centum (2%)] NOT TO EXCEED FOUR PER CENTUM (4%) of said license fee for each and every month or fractional part of month thereafter of the license year that the fee shall remain unpaid.~~ (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION REQUIRED TO PROCURE A LICENSE FROM ANY AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OFFICE, DIVISION OR UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION, WHO SHALL FAIL OR NEGLECT TO PROCURE THE SAME WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED BY LAW MAY BE ASSESSED, IN ADDITION TO THE PRESCRIBED LICENSE FEE, AN ADDITIONAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY PER CENTUM (20%) OF SAID LICENSE FEE IF THE LICENSE IS OBTAINED AT ANY TIME DURING THE CALENDAR MONTH NEXT SUCCEEDING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE LICENSE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBTAINED; AND WHERE THERE IS DEFAULT BEYOND THE MONTH NEXT SUCCEEDING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE LICENSE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBTAINED, SUCH PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION MAY BE ASSESSED, IN ADDITION TO THE FEE FOR THE FIRST DEFAULT, AN ADDITIONAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED FOUR PER CENTUM (4%) OF THE SAID LICENSE FEE FOR EACH AND EVERY MONTH OR FRACTIONAL PART OF MONTH THEREAFTER OF THE LICENSE YEAR THAT THE FEE SHALL