FOR THE COUNTY SHALL TRANSMIT ON A MONTHLY BASIS ALL APPEARANCE FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) ABOVE TO THE TALBOT COUNTY BAR LIBRARY FUND, TO BE USED FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE BAR LIBRARY OF TALBOT COUNTY.

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

Approved April 10, 1973.

CHAPTER 53

(House Bill 1650)

AN ACT to add new Section 9C(t) to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What Shall be Taxed and Where," to follow immediately after Section 9C(s) thereof, providing for a credit against county and city ordinary taxation of operating property of railroads under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 9C(t) be and it is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What Shall be Taxed and Where," to follow immediately after Section 9C(s) thereof, and to read as follows:

9C.

(t) IN ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY OR ANY CITY WITHIN A COUNTY, FROM COUNTY AND CITY ORDINARY TAXES, OPERATING PROPERTY OF RAILROAD COMPANIES SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT UNDER SECTION 16 OF ARTICLE 81, FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FREIGHT SERVICE IS PROVIDED BY SUCH RAILROAD COMPANY WITHIN SUCH COUNTY OR CITY, PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN SUCH RAILROAD COMPANY OR ITS TRUSTEES AND ANY COUNTY OR CITY GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC, **PRIVATE** INDUSTRIAL SEMI-PUBLIC OR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, OR PRIVATE SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION, OBLIGING SUCH GOVERNMENT, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION SUPPLEMENT THE REVENUES OF SUCH RAILROAD COMPANY OR CONTRIBUTE TO RESTORATION OR MAINTENANCE OF SUCH OPERATING PROPERTY UNDER A FORMULA WHEREBY SUCH OBLIGATION IS REDUCED IN WHOLE OR PART BY REASON OF THE CREDIT PROVIDED HEREIN, AND FOR THE THREE FISCAL YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SUCH FISCAL YEAR. THIS CREDIT SHALL APPLY ONLY IN A COUNTY OR CITY WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY HAS AUTHORIZED IT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the credit herein provided shall be allowed for all fiscal years to which it applies upon application of such railroad company filed at any time within six months following the date on which the conditions of such credit first exist, and the filing of such application by such railroad shall be mandatory.