MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE. IN ADDITION, SUCH PERSON SHALL REPAY TO THE COUNTY ANY AND ALL AMOUNTS OF RENT RELIEF MONIES PAID BY THE COUNTY IN RELIANCE ON SUCH FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM, REPORT OR STATEMENT AND SHALL BE LIABLE FOR INTEREST ON SUCH AMOUNTS AT THE RATE OF TWO—THIRDS (2/3RDS) OF ONE PERCENT (1%) PER MONTH UNTIL REPAID.

Sec. 2. Severability.

The provisions of this Act are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any or the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the Act or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

Sec. 3. Effective date.

The Act shall take effect on the 76th day following the date on which it becomes law. The Act shall apply to claims for rent relief for the calendar year 1972, and calendar years thereafter.

Approved September 27, 1973

Chapter 12

Bill No. 39-73

AN ACT to amend Chapter 29, title "Landlord-Tenant Relations," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, by repealing and re-enacting with amendments, Article VI, title "Rent Controls," to provide that no person may increase, offer to increase, or give notice of intent to increase rent for a dwelling unit to an amount in excess of the base rent for the said dwelling unit or as provided in the system of rent control established by Article VI; to provide that the system of rent control applies to dwelling units located in Montgomery County,