24.

(a) The copies of birth and death records transmitted to the local health officers as provided by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be preserved by them and shall be open to inspection for proper purposes by city, town or county officials and by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene or its accredited representatives, provided that such examination shall be made in such a way that the contents of the registers shall not be subjected to risk of damage or alteration. COPIES OF DEATH RECORDS SHALL BE PRESERVED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. ANY DEATH RECORDS OLDER THAN THREE YEARS MAY BE DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF BY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER FNACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 12, 1977.

CHAPTER 119

(House Bill 613)

AN ACT concerning

Retail Credit Accounts - Nonresident Sellers

FOR the purpose of specifying that certain retail credit accounts with nonresident sellers are subject to the state provisions governing retail credit accounts.

BY renumbering

Article - Commercial Law Section 12-502(b) to be Section 12-502(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law Section 12-502(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 12-502(c) of Article - Commercial Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Volume and