governmental services and programs which the municipal corporations perform in lieu of similar county governmental services and programs and the extent that the similar services and programs are funded through property tax revenues. The county property tax rate set for one municipal corporation does not have to be uniform among all municipal corporations within the county, and the rate set for one tax year need not be the same in any succeeding year.

- (b) In lieu of a lesser rate of county property tax as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the county may make a payment to the municipal corporations to assist the municipal corporations in funding governmental services or programs which the municipal corporations perform in lieu of similar county services or programs.
- (c) The provisions of this section do not apply to Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, AND [Somerset,] Talbet [, Wicomics and Worcester] counties.

  Somerset, Talbot, [Vicomics] and Worcester counties.

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

Approved March 8, 1977.

## CHAPTER 11

(Senate Bill 240)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Hawkers and Peddlers

FOR the purpose of excepting Howard County from certain licensing provisions concerning hawkers and peddlers; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses Section 21 and 23 Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 21 and 23 of Article 56 — Licenses, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: