[(b)](C) When a registration statement is withdrawn before the effective date or a preeffective stor order is entered under $\S\S$ 11-511 through 11-513 of this subtitle, the Commissioner shall retain one half of the fee.

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

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 342

(Senate Bill 720)

AN ACT concerning

Apples - Excise Tax

FOR the purpose of providing a certain maximum allowable excise tax on certain commercially grown apples.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture Section 10-406(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 10-406(a) of Article - Agriculture, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

10-406.

(a) An excise tax [of 1 cent] NOT-EXCIPCING OF 3 CENTS per bushel is levied on all commercial apples grown and sold in the State. However, the first 500 bushels of apples sold by any grower in any one crop season shall be exempt from this tax.

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

Approved May 17, 1977.