

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 16A(a) of Article 78A - Public Works, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78A - Public Works

16A.

(a) The Board of Public Works may, in its discretion, grant from the general emergency fund or from funds provided therefor by the Governor in the budget bill, to each person erroneously convicted, sentenced and confined under the laws of this State for a crime he did not commit, a sum ~~not exceeding [ten dollars (\$10.00)] \$20 for each day served in any place of confinement~~ COMMENSURATE WITH THE ACTUAL DAMAGES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE CONFINEMENT pursuant to the sentence imposed for such crime, provided that such person shall have received a full pardon from the Governor of this State in which it is made known that the person so pardoned has been conclusively shown to have been convicted in error.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to effect any grant of funds made pursuant to a claim made prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 880

(Senate Bill 279)

AN ACT concerning

Veterans' Home Commission

FOR the purpose of providing that the Maryland Veterans' Home Commission may charge residents of the veterans' home a residence fee; amending certain provisions relating to the receipt and expenditure of State funds for the Veterans' Home Commission; and correcting a punctuation error.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,