the next taxable year, exclusive of properties appearing for the first time on the assessment records.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

## CHAPTER 314

(House Bill 146)

AN ACT concerning

## Assessments - Personnel

FOR the purpose of deleting certain provisions that relate to appointment of certain personnel for annual surveys of assessment ratios in the subdivisions and for valuation of certain exempt property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes Section 232(14) and 232B Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

232.

The jurisdiction, supervision, powers and duties of the Department herein created, and the Director thereof, shall extend under this article:

(14) To provide for annual surveys of assessment ratios in the 23 counties and Baltimore City beginning January 1, 1970. The Director shall prescribe the manner in which each survey is to be conducted. [He shall appoint a full-time staff of competent and experienced assessors who shall hold their positions during good behavior, subject only to removal by the Department after a hearing for incompetency or other cause. The number of personnel for and the expenses incident to the survey, including travel, lodging, and meals, shall be as provided in the Department's annual budget.]