- (3) IF A LANDLORD FAILS TO SEND THE LIST OF DAMAGES REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (2), THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD ANY PART OF THE SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR DAMAGES IS FORFEITED. IF A LANDLORD FAILS TO RETURN THE SECURITY DEPOSIT AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (2), THE TENANT HAS AN ACTION OF UP TO THREEFOLD OF THE WITHHELD AMOUNT, PLUS REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.
- (4) EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT SPECIFIED, THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE INTERPRETED TO ALTER THE LANDLORD'S DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTIONS (P) AND (H).

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

## CHAPTER 551

(House Bill 449)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Death Benefits

FOR the purpose of providing that the death benefit payable to law enforcement officers may go to their designated beneficiary; and specifying the effect of certain life insurance policies on the amount of the death benefits payable with respect to certain law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 59A-1(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments

59A-1.

(a) (1) A death benefit shall be paid to the surviving spouse of children, OR DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY of any law-enforcement officer of the State or of any political