SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article - Financial Institutions**

## 11-511.1.

- (a) By July 1, 2000, the Commissioner shall adopt regulations that set continuing education requirements as a condition to the renewal of licenses under this subtitle.
- (b) Any continuing education requirements established by the Commissioner under this section [may not] SHALL apply to the first renewal of a license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to lenders subject to this Act who renew their licenses on or after January 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

## **CHAPTER 675**

(House Bill 1205)

AN ACT concerning

## Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership - S.T.O.P. Fund and Council

FOR the purpose of creating a Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund; providing for the administration and funding of the Fund; requiring the Governor to establish a Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Council; providing for the membership and staff of the Council; providing for applications and evaluations of requests for partnership funding; specifying that participating jurisdictions are responsible for a certain proportion of costs, not to exceed a certain amount; prohibiting participating counties from supplanting existing levels of spending on drug treatment programs with Partnership funds and providing that Partnership funds may be used only to supplement levels of spending on drug treatment programs; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to award Partnership funding without a full match by a county after considering certain factors; providing for a specified amount amounts in the State budget for the Fund for certain fiscal years; requiring the Council Department to adopt certain regulations and issue an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; defining certain terms; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund and Council.

BY adding to