

(5) The County Auditor shall, not later than three months after the close of each fiscal year, examine the books and accounts of the State's Attorney and prepare and submit to the County Council and to the County Executive a complete financial audit for the preceding fiscal year. This report shall be included in the annual audit required by § 40 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Special audits may be ordered at any time by the County Council or County Executive in accordance with § 213 of the Howard County Charter.

(6) The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's Attorneys shall perform any work directed by the State's Attorney or authorized by law and, under the State's Attorney's direction, may present cases to the grand jury, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform other acts and duties relating to the grand jury and the operation of the office of the State's Attorney as are necessary and proper.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 14, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 49

### (House Bill 204)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards - Examinations and Fees**

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of certain boards and commissions to contract for certain testing services; altering certain terminology related to certain fees; authorizing the direct payments of certain examination fees to the designees of certain boards or commissions; providing for payment to the Real Estate Commission and the Home Improvement Commission the costs of a credit report; clarifying the authority of the Real Estate Commission to require a credit report for the issuance and the renewal of a broker's license and the authority of the Home Improvement Commission to require a credit report for renewal of a contractor's license; and generally relating to the contracting for testing services and collection of examination and credit report fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 2-304, ~~2-307(c)~~ 3-304, 3-305, ~~4-206(a)~~, 4-302, 4-303, 4-304, ~~4-305, 4-306, 4-307~~, 5-306, 5-307, ~~6-205~~, 6-305, 6-306, ~~6-307, 6-308~~, 9-304, 9-305, 9-306, 12-303, 12-304, 14-306, 14-307, ~~14-309, 14-310~~, 15-306, 15-307, ~~15-309~~, 16-302(e), 16-304, 16-503(c), 16-506, 17-307, and 17-314

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