

progress in this field should properly be coordinated and in collaboration with that department.

I am including in the Supplementary Budget a recommended appropriation of \$10,000 to the Department of Mental Hygiene for establishment of a pilot clinic, for study, research and education in this field. I am advised that with this sum substantial progress can be made.

Respectfully,

WM. PRESTON LANE, JR.,

Governor

CLERKS OF COURT

SENATE BILL No. 5.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-Section (39) of Section 12 of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Fees of Officers", sub-title "Clerks of Court", increasing the fee for the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for receiving, collecting and paying over all public money.

The purpose of this measure, raising the commission of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas on public monies collected and paid over by him, was to provide sufficient funds to pay the cost of the operation of that office. In the last fiscal year, the office operated at a deficit of approximately \$5,700. The present commission allowed is one percent. This bill would raise the rate to three percent. One percent commission raises approximately \$8,500. At the rate of three percent, collections from this source would be approximately \$24,500, or approximately \$11,000 in excess of the amount needed to operate the office, based on the last deficit. Since the bill would deprive Baltimore City of approximately \$11,000 in revenue, in excess of what is needed to cover the cost of the office, the City Solicitor has requested that it be vetoed. Since the question of the rate may be reconsidered at the next session of the Legislature, in the light of these facts, the bill will be vetoed.

INCOME TAX

SENATE BILL No. 104

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 230 (c) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Income Tax", as said section was amended by Chapter 2