

CHAPTER 659
(House Bill 280)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 26-25 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Elections," subtitle "Fair Election Practices," to provide for the immunity given witnesses testifying in cases based upon violations of the Fair Elections Practices provisions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 26-25 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Elections," subtitle "Fair Election Practices," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

26-25.

It shall be duty of the State's Attorney of Baltimore City and of the State's attorney of each county of this State to prosecute, by the regular course of criminal procedure, any person whom he may believe to be guilty of having WILLFULLY violated any of the provisions of this subtitle within the city or county for which said State's attorney may be acting as such. And in any criminal prosecution under this subtitle or for violation of any of the provisions thereof, no witness, except the person who is accused and on trial, shall be excused from answering any question or producing any book, paper or other thing on the ground or claim that his answer, or the thing produced or to be produced, by him may tend to incriminate or degrade him, or render him liable to a penalty, [but his answer, or the thing produced by him, shall not be used in any proceeding against him, except in a prosecution for perjury in so testifying.] *provided that any person answering such a question or so producing a thing shall be exempt from prosecution, trial and punishment by FOR any offense of which that person may have been guilty or a participant therein, and about which he gives such an answer or so produces a thing, EXCEPT IN A PROSECUTION FOR PERJURY IN SO TESTIFYING.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 660
(House Bill 282)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 598 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries," to permit the development and establishment of out-patient clinics or other hospital-based services, to authorize medical research and to conduct educational and training programs in the chronic hospitals.