

CHAPTER 123.

AN ACT to add six new sections to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Jurisdiction, Procedure and Sentence", sub-title "Jurisdiction", said new sections to be known as Sections 549B, 549C, 549D, 549E, 549F and 549G, to follow immediately after Section 549A of said Article, to make uniform the law on fresh pursuit, and authorizing this State to cooperate with other States therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That six new sections be, and the same are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Jurisdiction, Procedure and Sentence", sub-title "Jurisdiction", said new sections to be known as Sections 549B, 549C, 549D, 549E, 549F and 549G, to follow immediately after Section 549A of said Article, so as to read as follows:

549B. Any member of a duly organized State, county or municipal peace unit of another State of the United States who enters this State in fresh pursuit, and continues within this State in such fresh pursuit, of a person in order to arrest him on the ground that he is believed to have committed a felony in such other State, shall have the same authority to arrest and hold such person in custody, as has any member of any duly organized State, county or municipal peace unit of this State, to arrest and hold in custody a person on the ground that he is believed to have committed a felony in this State.

549C. If an arrest is made in this State by an officer of another State in accordance with the provisions of Section 549B of this Act, he shall without unnecessary delay take the person arrested before a Justice of the Peace of the county or the City of Baltimore, in which the arrest was made, who shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of determining the lawfulness of the arrest. If the Justice of the Peace determines that the arrest was lawful he shall commit the person arrested to await for a reasonable time the issuance of an extradition warrant by the Governor of this State. If the Justice of the Peace determines that the arrest was unlawful he shall discharge the person arrested.

549D. Section 549B of this Act shall not be construed so as to make unlawful any arrest in this State which would otherwise be lawful.