

549E. For the purpose of this Act the word "State" shall include the District of Columbia.

549F. The term "fresh pursuit" as used in this Act shall include fresh pursuit as defined by the common law, and also the pursuit of a person who has committed a felony or who is reasonably suspected of having committed a felony. It shall also include the pursuit of a person suspected of having committed a supposed felony, though no felony has actually been committed, if there is reasonable ground for believing that a felony has been committed. Fresh pursuit as used herein shall not necessarily imply instant pursuit, but pursuit without unreasonable delay.

549G. Upon the passage and approval by the Governor of this Act it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to certify a copy of this Act to the Executive Department of each of the States of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any part of this Act is for any reason declared void, it is declared to be the intent of this Act that such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act may be cited as the Uniform Act on Fresh Pursuit.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and, being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 18, 1937.

CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT to add a new sub-title and six new Sections to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1935 Supplement) title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "II. Jurisdiction, Procedure and Sentence", sub-title "Jurisdiction", said new sub-title to be known as "Witnesses", said new Sections to be known as Sections 560, 560A, 560B, 560C, 560D, and 560E of said Article, and to follow immediately after Section 559