

CHAPTER 439.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Conspiracy", said new section to be known as Section 43B, and to follow immediately after Section 43A of said Article, to compel all persons when so ordered to testify in behalf of the State concerning the crime of conspiring to commit the offense of bribery, as set forth in Section 31 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement) or of conspiring to commit any of the offenses as set forth under the sub-title "Gaming" of said Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition) or of conspiring to commit any of the offenses as set forth under sub-title "Lotteries" of said Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), even though such testimony be self-incriminating, but exempting from prosecution, trial and punishment all such persons so testifying.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Conspiracy", said new section to be known as Section 43B, to follow immediately after Section 43A of said Article, and to read as follows:

43B. No person shall refuse to testify concerning the crime of conspiring to commit any of the offenses set forth in Section 31 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), sub-title "Bribery", or set forth under the sub-title "Gaming" of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition) or set forth under the sub-title "Lotteries" of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), and any person shall be a competent witness and compellable to testify against any person or persons who may have conspired to commit any of the aforesaid offenses, provided that any person so compelled to testify in behalf of the State in any such case, shall be exempt from prosecution, trial and punishment for any and all such crimes and offenses of which such person so testifying may have been guilty or a participant or a conspirator therein and about which he was so compelled to testify.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1937.

Approved May 18, 1937.