

CHAPTER 738

(House Bill 522)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "General Provisions", providing that copies of certain rules and regulations be submitted to the Attorney General for approval and filed with the Secretary of State and that said rules and regulations be published.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "General Provisions", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7A. (a) Prior to the adoption of any rule or regulation by any officer or department of the executive branch of the State of Maryland under any rule-making power granted by the General Assembly of Maryland, the said rule or regulation shall be submitted to the Attorney General of Maryland for approval as to its legality. Every officer, department, board, commission, bureau and similar agency of the State Government other than those within the Legislative and Judiciary Departments who has power to make, promulgate, adopt or enforce rules and regulations shall file copies thereof with the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, with the Secretary of State and with the Department of Legislative Reference. No rule or regulation hereafter made, promulgated or adopted shall be effective until after compliance with this section. Any rule or regulation, filed as required by this section, shall be admissible as evidence in any court proceeding, upon certification by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Nothing in this section shall relieve any officer, board or commission of any legal requirement as to the publication or other notice of the adoption or promulgation of such rules and regulations.

(b) The Secretary of State shall cause all such rules and regulations filed with him to be printed for distribution to the several State departments, officers and commissions and for sale to the members of the general public. Supplements to such publication shall be issued from time to time as the Secretary of State shall determine until such time as it seems desirable to revise and publish all such rules and regulations in one or more volumes.