

CHAPTER 333

(House Bill 4)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 701 to 707, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Witnesses," and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections to stand in the place and stead thereof and to be known as Sections 701 to 707, inclusive, re-enacting the provisions of said sections, making provisions for securing the attendance of witnesses from without the State in criminal proceedings and grand jury investigations and for summoning witnesses in this State to testify in another State in criminal proceedings and grand jury investigations and making provision for admitting witnesses to bail.

WHEREAS, some question has been raised as to the possible effect of the title of the law which enacted the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses which was enacted by Chapter 124 of the Acts of 1937; and

WHEREAS, the body of this Act makes provision for securing the attendance of witnesses from outside the State at trials held in Maryland and also for securing the attendance of Maryland witnesses at trials held in other states; and

WHEREAS, the title of Chapter 124 of 1937 does not mention that part of the Act which concerns securing the attendance of Maryland residents at trials in other states, thereby raising a possible question as to the sufficiency of the title; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to cure any possible defect in the title of this Act and also to make provision for admitting witnesses to bail; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 701 to 707, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Witnesses," be and they are hereby repealed and that seven new sections be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed, said new sections to be known as Sections 701 to 707, inclusive, and to read as follows:

701. *"Witness," as used in this sub-title shall include a person whose testimony is desired in any proceeding or investigation by a Grand Jury or in a Criminal Prosecution or Proceeding.*

The word "State" shall include any Territory of the United States and the District of Columbia.

The word "summons" shall include a subpoena, order or other notice requiring the appearance of a witness.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.