

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 36 (b) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Concealed Weapons," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

36.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the carrying of any of the weapons mentioned in the preceding paragraph of this section by an officer of this State, or of any county or city therein, who is entitled or required to carry such weapon as part of his official equipment, or by any conservator of the peace, who is entitled or required to carry such weapon as part of his official equipment, or by any officer or conservator of the peace of some other state temporarily sojourning in this State, or by any special agent of a railway or by any person to whom a permit to carry a concealed weapon has been issued under Section 90A of Article 56 of the Code, or by any person who shall carry such weapon as a reasonable precaution against apprehended danger, but the tribunal before which any case arising under the provisions of this section may be tried, shall have the right to judge of the reasonableness of the carrying of any such weapon, and the proper occasion therefor, under the evidence in the case.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That new Section 90A be and it is hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Private Detectives," to follow immediately after Section 90 thereof, and to read as follows:*

90A.

*A Special Permit to carry a concealed weapon, as defined in Article 27, Section 36, may be issued by the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police to any person to whom a license has been issued in accordance with provisions of this subtitle, or any employee of any such licensee if such employee has been properly registered in accordance with the provisions of Section 81 of this subtitle, provided that the Superintendent, or his delegate, first finds that such licensee or employee:*

- (1) is of good character; and*
- (2) has not been convicted of a felony; and*
- (3) possesses such mental and physical qualities as the Superintendent may determine necessary.*

ANY SPECIAL PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY BE REVOKED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE AT ANY TIME.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.*

Approved May 2, 1969.