

## CHAPTER 596

(Senate Bill 338)

AN ACT to add new Section 602B to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," to follow immediately after Section 602A thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Police Mutual Aid Agreements," authorizing the several counties and municipal corporations of this State to send their policemen and other officers, agents, and employees, together with all necessary equipment, beyond the territorial limits of the county or municipal corporation to any point within or without this State, under certain conditions and circumstances, and relating generally to this power and to its application, use and effects.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 602B be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," to follow immediately after Section 602A thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Police Mutual Aid Agreements," and to read as follows:

**602B. Police Mutual Aid Agreements.**

(a) *By action as in the regular routine for legislative enactments, ~~the county council of a charter county, the board of county commis-~~ THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF A CHARTER COUNTY OR THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN THOSE CHARTER COUNTIES WHERE THERE IS NOT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of another county, and the mayor and council (by whatever name known) of a municipal corporation, acting as the governing body thereof, may determine the circumstances under which the policemen and other officers, agents and employees of the county or municipal corporation, together with all necessary equipment, may lawfully go or be sent beyond the territorial limits of the county, to any point within or without the State of Maryland.*

(b) *In such event the acts performed for this purpose by the policemen or other officers, agents, or employees and the expenditures made for these purposes by the county or municipal corporation shall be deemed conclusively to be for a public and governmental purpose; and all of the immunities from liability enjoyed by a county or municipal corporation when acting through its policemen or other officers, agents, or employees for a public or governmental purpose within its territorial limits shall be enjoyed by it to the same extent when the county or municipal corporation is so acting, under this subtitle or under other lawful authority, beyond its territorial limits.*

(c) *The policemen and other officers, agents, and employees of any county or municipal corporation, when acting hereunder or under other lawful authority beyond the territorial limits of the county or municipal corporation within the State have all the immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances, and regulations and have all of the pension, relief, disability, workmen's compensation and other benefits enjoyed by them while performing their respective duties within the territorial limits of the county or municipal corporation.*