

*collective bargaining, a petition supported by 30% or more of the employees in the unit may be filed with the Commissioner requesting decertification of the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative; provided, however, that no such petition may be filed within 12 months following certification or recognition resulting from a secret ballot election. Upon receipt of such petition the Commissioner shall cause an investigation to be made to determine if there is reasonable doubt that the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative is not, in fact, the representative of a majority of the employees in the unit. If, as a result of the investigation, it appears to the Commissioner that there is reasonable doubt that the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative does not represent a majority of the employees in the unit, the Commissioner shall order an election to be held to resolve the issue.*

13.

(f) The Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry is empowered to adopt such rules and regulations of procedure as may be necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this section and Section 12 of this article, such rules and regulations of procedure to conform as nearly as practical to the rules and regulations of procedure of the federal National Labor Relations Board applicable to the holding of consent elections, *intervention and decertification.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved May 5, 1970

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## CHAPTER 568

(Senate Bill 701)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsection (b) of Section 34 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Department of Labor and Industry," subtitle "Occupational Safety," to remove the requirement that safety standards adopted by reference be furnished to the office of every State's Attorney in the State. AND TO PROVIDE THAT SAFETY STANDARDS BE FURNISHED TO THE LIBRARIES OF CERTAIN COURTS OF THE STATE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 34 (b) of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Department of Labor and Industry," subtitle "Occupational Safety," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

34.

(b) Adoption by reference. In case the proposed rules and regulations submitted by the Board are identical with any rules or regulations promulgated by any other department, board or public agency