

demeanor cases triable in the People's Court of Prince George's County, to provide for "booking" procedures, to provide procedures of enforcement when defendant first fails to appear, to provide peace officers with the authority to issue summonses to witnesses for court appearances, to provide penalties for violations of this Act, and to provide civil immunity to peace officers acting within the scope of authority of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 594D be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Venue, Procedure and Sentence," to follow immediately after Section 594C thereof and to be under the new subheading "Personal Summons in Lieu of Arrest—Prince George's County," and to read as follows:

"Personal Summons in Lieu of Arrest—Prince George's County"
594D.

(a) *Summons Procedure—In any case in which a resident of the State of Maryland is arrested either with or without a warrant for an offense declared to be a misdemeanor and triable in the People's Court for Prince George's County and such person does not demand to be taken immediately before a magistrate, the arresting police officer or peace officer may, instead of taking such person before a magistrate, follow the procedures prescribed by this Act. The arresting officer shall prepare in duplicate a written summons to appear before a Judge of the People's Court for Prince George's County, which summons shall contain the name of said person, his home and business address, and phone numbers, the offense charged, the time and place where and when such person shall appear in Court.*

(b) *Trial Date—The time specified to appear in Court in the summons shall be at least five (5) days after arrest.*

(c) *Release Procedure—The officer shall deliver one copy of the summons to the arrested person. The arrested person, in order to secure release, shall signify his willingness to appear on the date therein before the Judge of the Prince George's County People's Court named in said summons, by endorsing his name and address on said summons. Thereupon the arresting officer shall forthwith release the person arrested from custody.*

(d) *Booking Procedure—The officer shall indicate on the summons whether he desires the arrested person to be "booked". In such event the arrested person shall prior to the Court appearance personally report to the Prince George's County Police Department at the time and place indicated on such summons to be "booked". Should the arrested person fail to appear as aforesaid, the People's Court Judge shall, before the proceeding is finally concluded, order the Defendant to be "booked" by the Prince George's County Police Department. For the purposes of this subsection, to be "booked" signifies the recordation of an arrest in the official police records, and the taking by the police of fingerprints and photographs of the person arrested.*

(e) *First Failure to Appear—If the arrested person fails to appear as promised, the Judge before whom said summons is made*