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(c) A merchant or an agent or employee of the merchant who detains or causes the arrest of any person shall not be held civilly liable for detention, slander, malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, or false arrest of the person detained or arrested, whether the detention or arrest takes place by the merchant or by his agent or employee, if in detaining or in causing the arrest of the person, the merchant or the agent or employee of the merchant had at the time of the detention or arrest probable cause to believe that the person committed the crime of shoplifting as defined in this Section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970, and it shall not be construed or applied to refer to or affect any event or happening which occurred prior to that date.*

Approved May 26, 1970.

CHAPTER 740

(House Bill 885)

AN ACT to add new Section 12(f) to Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1969 Supplement), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Title 1—Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission," to follow immediately after Section 12(e) thereof, to allow Carroll County Commissioners to determine if appointive member of Planning and Zoning Commission is a member of Board of County Commissioners and providing for alternates.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 12(f) be and it is hereby added to Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1969 Supplement), title "Zoning and Planning," subtitle "Title 1—Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission," to read as follows:*

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(f) Provided, however, in Carroll County the County Commissioners, shall have the discretion to determine whether or not one of the appointive members of the Planning and Zoning Commission is a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and provided further that the said County Commissioners shall designate one alternate member of the Commission, who may be empowered to sit on the Commission in the absence of any member of the Commission; and when the alternate is absent, the said County Commissioners are empowered to designate a temporary alternate who shall sit on the Commission.

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

Approved May 26, 1970.