

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 22-9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1969 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Supreme Bench," subheading "Court House Security," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; ~~and that new Section 22-9A be and it is hereby added to said Code, title, subtitle and subheading, to follow immediately after Section 22-9 thereof, and to read as follows:~~

#### 22-9. POWERS OF PEACE OFFICERS.

Court Security Officers as provided in this sub-title are hereby vested with the powers of peace officers within the confines of the Baltimore City Court House and any building or portion thereof utilized as an annex thereto; and *with powers to preserve security and protect from damage; and with powers to maintain order and the free and unimpeded passage therein and therefrom; and in furtherance thereof, to arrest any person who defaces or damages said buildings, and any person who by any act or conduct disturbs or interferes with the decorum and tranquility of any court room, or any other part of said buildings, as to disrupt and endanger the administration of justice, the integrity and dignity of the judicial processes, the orderly progress of a trial, or the rights of litigants.* [such] Such powers shall extend outside the Court House and any annex whenever such Court House Security Officer may be in pursuit of any person who has committed any offense or breach of peace within such buildings or has escaped from the lawful custody of any Sheriff, jail guard, prison guard, or police officer, and whenever a Court House Security Officer accompanies any judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City while the judge is performing any official duty or is proceeding from the Court House to, or returning to the Court House from, any place within the City of Baltimore that a judicial duty is performed. Under no circumstances may a Court Security Officer act as a chauffeur or drive for a judge or perform any other duty not directly related to the functions of the Court and of the judge.

#### ~~22-9A. Penalties.~~

~~Anyone who violates any of the provisions of Section 22-9 of this subtitle shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.~~

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 6, 1971.