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CHAPTER 464

(House Bill 737)

AN ACT concerning

Grand Jury - Oath of Jurors

FOR the purpose of requiring Grand Jurors to take an oath of secrecy regarding any matter before the Grand Jury and imposing sanctions for violations of this section.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 8-213 and 8-401(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 8-213 and 8-401(e) be and they are hereby added to Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Volume) to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-213.

(A) ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR GRAND JURY SERVICE IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY OR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ANY COUNTY IN THE STATE SHALL TAKE AN OATH OF SECRECY.

(B) A GRAND JUROR, EXCEPT WHEN LAWFULLY REQUIRED BY A COURT, MAY NOT WILLFULLY DISCLOSE (1) ANY EVIDENCE ADDUCED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, OR (2) ANYTHING WHICH HE HIMSELF OR ANY MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY SAID, OR IN WHAT MANNER HE OR ANY OTHER GRAND JUROR VOTED, REGARDING ANY MATTER BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

[[(C) THE OATH OF SECRECY TAKEN BY ALL GRAND JURORS SHALL EXTEND FOR ALL TIME.]]

8-401.