

FOR the purpose of providing that all law enforcement officers have certain rights; defining terms; specifying the procedure to be followed at an interrogation or investigation of a law enforcement officer; providing that records shall be kept; providing for representation of the office; providing a procedure for a hearing on the issues if the investigation or interrogation results in the recommendation of certain types of action against the officer; providing for the evidentiary nature of the hearing; providing for an appeal from a decision resulting from the hearing; prohibiting certain retaliatory actions against law enforcement officers; and providing a procedure to apply for a court order if a right guaranteed by this subtitle is denied to any law enforcement officer.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 727 through 734, to be under the new subtitle  
 "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights"  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 727 through 734, to be under the new subtitle "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights" be and they are hereby added to Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

727.

(A) AS USED IN THE SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY, IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO MAKE ARRESTS AND WHO IS A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

- (1) THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE; OR
- (2) THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT; OR