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CHAPTER 724

(House Bill 388)

AN ACT concerning

Indigents - Criminal Appeals

FOR the purpose of repealing an obsolete provision of law concerning the procedure for appeals in criminal cases if the defenlant is indigent.

BY repealing

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7-103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 7-103 of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Volume) be and it is hereby repealed:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

§ 7-103.

(a) If the death sentence is imposed and a defendant files a petition under oath alleging the fact of his poverty and his inability to pay the costs of prosecuting an appeal and files an order for appeal in accordance with the Maryland rules, the sentencing court shall order the State to pay the costs. A copy of the order shall be included in the record transmitted to the Court of Appeals.

(b) If a defendant in a criminal case has a right to appeal or apply for leave to appeal to the Court of Special Appeals and files with his order of appeal or application for leave to appeal a petition under oath alleging the fact of his poverty and his inability to pay the costs, the sentencing or hearing court below, upon being satisfied that the allegations are true, shall order the State to pay the costs. A copy of the order shall be included in the record transmitted to the Court of Special Appeals.