

## CHAPTER 694

(House Bill 545)

## AN ACT concerning

## Watershed Property - Citations for Offenses Thereon

FOR the purpose of authorizing law enforcement officers, including special policemen, to issue citations for violation of laws or regulations on publicly-owned watershed property; and generally relating to watershed property.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative  
Departments

Section 64(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 64(a) be and it is hereby added to Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative  
Departments

64.

(A) WHENEVER A PERSON IS HALTED BY A REGULAR OR SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER FOR AN OFFENSE ON PUBLICLY-OWNED WATERSHED PROPERTY PUNISHABLE AS A MISDEMEANOR AND WHICH IS EITHER A VIOLATION OF LAW OR A VIOLATION OF WATERSHED REGULATIONS, AND IS NOT TAKEN BEFORE A DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONER AS WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED OR IS PERMITTED BY LAW, THE OFFICER MAY PREPARE A WRITTEN CITATION CONTAINING A NOTICE TO APPEAR IN COURT, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON, THE OFFENSE CHARGED, THE TIME AND PLACE THE PERSON SHALL APPEAR IN COURT, AND WHATEVER OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AS NECESSARY.

(B) THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE TO APPEAR SHALL BE AT LEAST FIVE DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION UNLESS THE PERSON CHARGED WITH THE VIOLATION DEMANDS AN EARLIER HEARING.