

provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the State's Attorney and Deputy State's Attorneys in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the State's Attorney and Deputy State's Attorneys shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 825

(House Bill 1813)

AN ACT concerning

Chartered Counties - Waiver of Immunity

FOR the purpose of permitting chartered counties to waive the defense of sovereign immunity in certain cases; and requiring any county waiving this defense to establish an insurance program.

BY adding to

Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland
Section 5(CC)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 5(CC) be and it is hereby added to Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland

5.

(CC) TO PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE OR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY CHARTER FOR THE WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY SO THAT THE COUNTY MAY BE SUED IN TORT ACTIONS IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT ANY PRIVATE PERSON MAY BE SUED. ANY CHARTERED COUNTY ENACTING LEGISLATION OR OTHERWISE WAIVING SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CARRY COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE TO PROTECT ITSELF, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES. THE