

## CHAPTER 188

(House Bill 750)

## AN ACT concerning

## Public Defender - Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of requiring a defendant to reimburse the Public Defender for services rendered if he is ordered to do so by a court as a term or condition of any sentence, judgment, or stay of judgment imposed; specifying a guideline for the court as to imposition of such a condition; and providing for the establishment of the amount, time, and method of payment of reimbursement.

BY adding to

Article 27A - Public Defender  
Section 7(g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 7(g) be and it is hereby added to Article 27A - Public Defender, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

## Article 27A - Public Defender

7.

(G) A COURT EXERCISING CRIMINAL JURISDICTION MAY ORDER A DEFENDANT TO REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE DEFENDANT BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AS A TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY SENTENCE [[OR]] JUDGMENT OR STAY OF JUDGMENT ENTERED UNDER SECTION 641(A) OR SECTION 292 OF ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE IMPOSED BY IT IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE SUCH REIMBURSEMENT. THE AMOUNT, TIME, AND METHOD OF PAYMENT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COURT. IN ALL OTHER CASES OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED, COLLECTION SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (F).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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