

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 447

(Senate Bill 256)

AN ACT concerning

Extortion

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the extortionate acts by State and local employees against ~~other State and local employees~~ certain others; prohibiting the implied repeal of certain common law crimes; and providing a penalty; and generally relating to extortion.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 562B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

. Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

562B.

EVERY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, A COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, MUNICIPALITY, OR MULTICOUNTY MULTI-COUNTY OR BI-COUNTY AGENCY WHO, BY FORCE, INTIMIDATION, OR THREAT OF DISMISSAL FROM EMPLOYMENT OR BY ANY OTHER MANNER WHATSOEVER INDUCES ANY PERSON EMPLOYED IN ANY WAY IN WORK FINANCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND, A COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, MUNICIPALITY, OR MULTICOUNTY MULTI-COUNTY OR BI-COUNTY AGENCY TO GIVE UP ANY PART OF THE COMPENSATION TO WHICH HE IS ENTITLED UNDER A CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OR BOTH. A PROSECUTION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any common-law crimes dealing with extortion are not abolished.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act