TO THE HOUR OF CLOSING OF THE POLLS FOR TABULATION, THEREBY FACILITATING THE PROMPT REPORTING OF ELECTION RETURNS AFTER THE HOUR OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS. THE TABULATION, RELEASE OR ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS OR THE DUPLICATION OF DAMAGED BALLOTS, PRIOR TO THE HOUR OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS IS PROHIBITED.

(E) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$500 OR MORE THAN \$1,000 IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

## CHAPTER 387

(House Bill 1380)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources Police - Arrests

FOR the purpose of specifying that a member of the Natural Resources Police may make an arrest, without a warrant, under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 594B(f)(10) Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 594B(f)(11) Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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