

Evidence - Press Confidentiality

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting the compulsion of disclosure of any unpublished information or the source of any unpublished information obtained by a news reporter providing that certain persons connected with a newspaper, journal, radio or television station may not be compelled to disclose the source of certain information that was obtained for certain purposes; and clarifying language.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9-112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9-112.

A person engaged in, connected with, or employed on a newspaper or journal or for any radio or television station may not be compelled to disclose, [in any legal proceeding or trial or before any committee of the legislature or elsewhere,] ~~AND HAS AN ABSOLUTE PRIVILEGE OF CONFIDENTIALITY AS TO ANY NEWS OR INFORMATION OR THE~~ IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING OR TRIAL OR BEFORE ANY COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE OR ELSEWHERE, THE source of any news or information [procured or] THAT WAS obtained by [him] THE PERSON for, ~~and published OR NOT PUBLISHED in, the newspaper or disseminated by the radio or television station where [he] THE PERSON is engaged, connected with, or employed~~ PURPOSES OF PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OR JOURNAL OR FOR PURPOSES OF DISSEMINATION BY A RADIO OR TELEVISION STATION WHERE THE PERSON IS ENGAGED, CONNECTED WITH OR EMPLOYED.

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

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 485

(Senate Bill 792)