

AN ACT concerning

Crimes and Punishments - Impersonating Police Officers

FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor for a person to impersonate a special policeman and adding a clarifying word.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 440
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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

440.

It shall be unlawful for any person falsely to represent himself as being a member of the police force of the State, of Baltimore City or of any county or municipal corporation of the State, OR TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AS A SPECIAL POLICEMAN, or to represent himself as a sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable, with fraudulent design upon person or property, or to have, use, wear or display, without the authority of the Superintendent of State Police, the commissioner of police of Baltimore City or the chief of police of any county or municipal corporation, or of a sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable, any uniform, shield, button, ornament, badge, IDENTIFICATION, shoulder patch adopted by the Department of Maryland State Police to be worn by the members of said Department, insignia or emblem of office, such as are worn by the members of the respective police forces or sheriff or constable, or to have any simulation or imitation of such articles for the purpose of deception. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

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

Approved May 29, 1979.
