

## CHAPTER 28

(Senate Bill 127)

AN ACT concerning

## Private Detectives - Licensing

FOR the purpose of altering the number of years' experience required of a full-time police officer to qualify for a private detective's business license-- ; requiring investigative experience as a detective to qualify for a private detective's license with a lesser period of experience; and providing that experience with an organized police department means, among other things, experience with an agency of the United States which is a law enforcement agency.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 78(b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

## Article 56 - Licenses

78.

(b) No license shall be issued to a person under the age of twenty-five years, nor to any person, firm, association or corporation unless:

(1) Such person or at least one member of the firm, and one officer or director of the association or corporation has had at least (a) five years' experience as a full-time licensed investigator; or (b) [ten] 5 full years' experience as a full-time police officer with an organized police department; or (c) three full years' experience in an investigative capacity ~~or~~ as a detective while serving as a police officer with an organized police department. For the purposes of (b) and (c) of the preceding sentence, "an organized police department" shall mean an organized police department of this State, or a county or municipality thereof, or an A LAW ENFORCEMENT agency of the United States of America or any state of the United States, or county or municipality thereof; or

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.