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Also in subsection (b) of this section, reference to a fine of "\$5,000" is substituted for the former "\$500", and the words "or both" are added.

8-507. GRAND JURY SECRECY.

(A) PROHIBITED ACT.

A PERSON MAY NOT DISCLOSE ANY CONTENT OF A GRAND JURY PROCEEDING.

(B) PENALTIES.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(C) REPORTS.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT:

- (1) A GRAND JURY FROM SUBMITTING A REPORT AS REQUIRED BY LAW;

OR

- (2) ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR PERSON MAKING A DISCLOSURE AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), and (c)(2) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former CJ §§ 2-503(b)(2) and 8-213.

Subsection (c)(1) of this section is added to recognize specific instances in which disclosure is allowed. E.g., CS §§ 9-607 and 9-608 and the second clause of the former fourth sentence of Public Local Laws, Art. 4 [Baltimore City], § 7-7 revised CJ § 8-417 as to reports on investigation other than of correctional facilities. See also Md. Rule 4-642(c).

In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "guilty of a misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common law and has not been declared to be a felony by statute is considered to be a misdemeanor. See *State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976); *Bowser v. State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920); *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914); and *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).

In subsection (c)(2) of this section, reference to a "governmental unit" is added for completeness as "person" generally does not include such units unless expressly stated. As to "person", see Art. 1, § 15 of the Code.