

who meet the standards set out by the Prince George's County merit board and who are certified by the personnel director as meeting these standards shall be entitled to the provisions of the county merit system. The board of license commissioners for Prince George's County shall designate annually a chief inspector from among the [eight] 7 full-time inspectors. The chief inspector, under the direction of the board of license commissioners, shall regulate the duties, hours, and assignments of the various inspectors.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35, of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the chairman and members of the Prince George's County board of license commissioners in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the chairman and members of the Prince George's County board of license commissioners shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 29, 1984.

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CHAPTER 548

(Senate Bill 560)

AN ACT concerning

Habeas Corpus

FOR the purpose of permitting a judge to refer an application for a writ of habeas corpus to any court in the judicial circuit in which the person confined was convicted; and generally relating to the procedure for handling a petition of habeas corpus.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-702(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: