

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 29, 1984.

CHAPTER 766

(House Bill 914)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers - Good Samaritan Act

FOR the purpose of providing that a law enforcement officer is not civilly liable for certain actions taken outside the officer's jurisdiction to protect life or property in certain circumstances; and providing for the defense of officers and certain benefits under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-309.2
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:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-309.2.

(A) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ACTING OUTSIDE THE OFFICER'S JURISDICTION BUT IN THE STATE, IS NOT CIVILLY LIABLE, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT HE WOULD BE IF ACTING IN HIS OWN JURISDICTION, FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION IN PROVIDING POLICE ASSISTANCE PREVENTING OR ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT A CRIME, OR IN EFFECTUATING AN ARREST, IN ORDER TO PROTECT LIFE OR PROPERTY IF:

(1) -- THE ASSISTANCE -- OR -- ACTION -- TAKEN -- IS -- REASONABLY PRUDENT;

(2) -- THE -- ASSISTANCE -- OR (1) THE ACTION IS NOT GROSSLY NEGLIGENT; AND

(3) -- THE ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED -- OR (2) THE ACTION IS TAKEN AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY THE CRIME OR ATTEMPTED CRIME.

(B) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SUED FOR PROVIDING -- POLICE ACTING ASSISTANCE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE