

CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION OR THE MARYLAND STATE FIRE RESCUE EDUCATION COMMISSION. 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, ~~AND SHALL INCLUDE THE SPARROWS-POINT-POLICE-DEPARTMENT-A-POLICE-DEPARTMENT-CERTIFIED-TO MEET-THE-STANDARDS-PREScribed-BY--THE--MARYLAND--POLICE--TRAINING COMMISSION--IF--THE-APPLICANT-HAS-COMPLETED-THE-PREScribed-COURSE OF-TRAINING,~~ or a law enforcement agency of the United States of America or any state of the United States, or county or municipality thereof; or

(2) Such person or at least one member of the firm and one officer or director of the association or corporation was licensed or registered by the Superintendent pursuant to this subtitle of this article on or prior to July 1, 1968.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 538

(Senate Bill 380)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Tort Claims Act

FOR the purpose of providing that the waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State and its units is extended to include any claim of any amount to the extent of insurance coverage; providing that sovereign immunity is not waived for certain items; repealing a certain provision regarding the provision of State liability insurance; providing that State personnel are immune from certain tort suits; ~~providing--for--the separate--trial--of--certain--issues--in--these--suits,~~ providing that certain claims filed with the State shall contain certain additional information; altering the effect of the acceptances of settlements of certain claims against the State; altering the notice requirements for final denials of these claims; altering the conditions which determine when final denials of these claims occur; changing the statute of limitations for certain tort claims against the State and its units; providing certain requirements for the service of certain legal documents; and generally relating to the sovereign immunity of the State and its units and personnel and to tort actions against the State and its units and against State personnel.