

CHAPTER 406

(House Bill 17)

AN ACT concerning

Witnesses - Loss of Employment

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an employer from depriving an employee of the employee's job solely because of job time lost as a result of the employee's response to a subpoena to appear as a witness at certain proceedings, ~~and providing a penalty for a violation of this Act.~~

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9-205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 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

9-205.

(A) AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT DEPRIVE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S JOB SOLELY BECAUSE OF JOB TIME LOST BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A RESULT OF THE EMPLOYEE'S RESPONSE TO A SUBPOENA REQUIRING THE EMPLOYEE TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, INCLUDING DISCOVERY PROCEEDINGS.

~~(B) AN EMPLOYER WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 13, 1986.
