

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

Approved May 27, 1986.

CHAPTER 668

(Senate Bill 434)

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence - Warrantless Arrest

FOR the purpose of permitting a police officer under certain circumstances to arrest a person without a warrant if the officer has probable cause to believe the person criminally ~~assaulted or caused apparent injury to certain individuals with whom the person resides or formerly resided; providing law enforcement officers making certain warrantless arrests are immune from civil liability under certain circumstances;~~ battered the person's spouse; making technical changes; and generally relating to warrantless arrests in cases of alleged domestic violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 594B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 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 27 - Crimes and Punishments

594B.

(a) A police officer may arrest without a warrant any person who commits, or attempts to commit, any felony or misdemeanor in the presence of, or within the view of, such officer.

(b) A police officer [may, when he] WHO has probable cause to believe that a felony or misdemeanor is being committed in [his] THE OFFICER'S presence or within [his] THE OFFICER'S view, MAY arrest without a warrant any person whom [he] THE OFFICER may reasonably believe to have committed such offense.

(c) A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant if [he] THE OFFICER has probable cause to believe that a felony