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Approved April 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 221

(House Bill 434)

AN ACT concerning

Witnesses - Loss of Employment - Penalty

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain penalty for employers who violate a provision prohibiting the ~~dismal~~ dismissal of an employee who misses work in order to appear as a witness in certain proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 9-205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 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 THAT VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS ~~IS--GUILTY-OF-A-MISDEMEANOR-AND-ON-CONVICTION-IS-SUBJECT-TO-A-FINE-NOT-EXCEEDING~~ MAY BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.

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