

WHEREAS, The means to finance such an undertaking should not be totally dependent upon an already limited and highly competitive State capital program whereby funds appropriated therein must be repaid over a 15-year period; but, that a separate and distinct funding source linked directly to the personnel, policies, and practices to be impacted by such a Public Safety Training Center should be established; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that a Law Enforcement and Correctional Training Fund be established for this purpose whereby ~~approximately 90% of the initial~~ funds derived therefrom will be utilized for the construction of the Public Safety Training Center and ~~10% will be made available to eligible law enforcement and correctional groups/organizations in the form of grants; but, once the Public Safety Training Center is constructed, such moneys will be distributed (as provided in the annual State Budget)~~ for operation of the facility and ~~State and local law enforcement and correctional grant purposes~~; and

WHEREAS, It is the General Assembly's position that the purpose of the Public Safety Training Center would not be to replace existing certified academies, unless requested by that agency, nor would it be to eliminate inservice training activities presently being conducted by agencies, but rather it would enhance those efforts through the provision of advanced, specialized, and model curricula to help government meet its primary responsibility-defense and protection of the citizenry; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-301.

~~(E)-(1)-A-PERSON-CONVICTED-OF-ANY-VIOLATION-OF-THE TRANSPORTATION-ARTICLE, EXCLUDING-PARKING-VIOLATIONS, OR-A-PERSON CONVICTED-OF-ANY-MISDEMEANOR-OR-FELONY-SHALL-BE-SUBJECT-TO-AN ADDITIONAL-SPECIAL-COST-OF-\$5-EXCLUSIVE-OF-ANY-COSTS-OR-FINES ASSESSED-BY-THE-COURT. THE-WORD-"COURT"-AS-USED-HEREIN-MEANS-THE DISTRICT-COURT-OF-MARYLAND-OR-ANY-CIRCUIT-COURT.~~

~~(2)-THE-SPECIAL-COST-SHALL-BE-ASSESSED:~~

~~(i)-IN-EVERY-CASE-IN-WHICH-THE-DEFENDANT-IS FOUND-GUILTY, OR-RECEIVES-PROBATION-BEFORE-JUDGMENT-AFTER-TRIAL,~~

~~(ii)-IN-ALL-CASES-IN-WHICH-THE-DEFENDANT-ELECTS TO-WAIVE-TRIAL-AND-PREPAY-A-FINE-OR-SPECIAL-COST-DEPOSIT-IN-THE AMOUNT-SET-BY-THE-COURT.~~