

2. ~~A. A \$10 fee for an action at law in a court of original jurisdiction in Baltimore County, and~~

~~B. A fee of \$20 for an action at law in a court of original jurisdiction in Baltimore City;~~

(ii) Charge as costs the following fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a criminal action:

1. If the punishment for the offense charged is death or confinement in the State penitentiary, a \$20 fee; and

2. For any other criminal action, a \$10 fee; and

(iii) Collect, in advance, a \$20 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a case in the Court of Appeals.

(3) The Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County shall collect, in advance, a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a civil action in the court.

(4) THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY SHALL:

(I) COLLECT, IN ADVANCE, A \$20 FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CIVIL ACTION IN THE COURT;

(II) CHARGE AS COSTS THE FOLLOWING FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CRIMINAL ACTION:

1. IF THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE OFFENSE CHARGED IS DEATH OR CONFINEMENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY, A \$20 FEE; AND

2. FOR ANY OTHER CRIMINAL ACTION, A \$10 FEE; AND

(III) COLLECT, IN ADVANCE, A \$20 FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CASE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

**CHAPTER 569**

**(Senate Bill 199)**

AN ACT concerning

**Fire and Emergency Services Personnel -- Interference or Obstruction**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from interfering with or obstructing fire and