

**CHAPTER 92**

**(House Bill 903)**

AN ACT concerning

**WMATA Police Force – Authorization for Warrantless Arrests**

**MC/PG 21-97**

FOR the purpose of authorizing members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's metro transit police force, subject to specified jurisdictional limitations, to make an arrest without a warrant under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 594B(a) through (f), inclusive, (j) through (l), inclusive, and (o)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 594B(g)

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**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 who has probable cause to believe that a felony or misdemeanor is being committed in the officer's presence or within the officer's view, may arrest without a warrant any person whom the officer may reasonably believe to have committed such offense.

(c) A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant if the officer has probable cause to believe that a felony has been committed or attempted and that such person has committed or attempted to commit a felony whether or not in the officer's presence or view.

(d) (1) A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant if:

(i) The officer has probable cause to believe that: