

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

**Article 17 - Prince George's County**

18-186.09.

~~(A) IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MAY ISSUE A SUBPOENA SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION TO COMPEL:~~

- ~~(1) THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF A WITNESS, AND~~
- ~~(2) THE PRODUCTION OF ANY BOOK, RECORD, OR OTHER ITEM.~~

~~(B) TO ASSIST IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING A COMPLAINT AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, THE CITIZEN COMPLAINT OVERSIGHT PANEL MAY ISSUE A SUBPOENA SIGNED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION TO COMPEL:~~

- ~~(1) THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF A WITNESS, AND~~
- ~~(2) THE PRODUCTION OF ANY BOOK, RECORD, OR OTHER ITEM.~~

~~(C) (1) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION, ON PETITION OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OR PANEL A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION MAY COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBPOENA IF IT FINDS THAT THE PERSON'S ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND ITEMS IS RELEVANT AND NECESSARY FOR THE PROCEEDINGS.~~

~~(2) FAILURE OF A PERSON TO OBEY AN ORDER OF COURT ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE PUNISHED AS CONTEMPT OF COURT.~~

(A) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CITIZEN COMPLAINT OVERSIGHT PANEL MAY PETITION A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO ISSUE AN ORDER REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED FOR THE PANEL BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(B) A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION MAY HOLD A PERSON WHO FAILS TO OBEY AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THE SECTION IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.