or another person under certain circumstances; authorizing the imposition of a sentence separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence of another crime under certain circumstances; providing for the unit of prosecution under this Act; prohibiting certain defenses; establishing certain penalties; defining a certain term; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to resisting arrest by and interfering with or fleeing from a police officer.

## BY adding to

Article - Criminal Law

Section 9-408

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

## **Article - Criminal Law**

9-408.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "POLICE OFFICER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE AN ARREST UNDER TITLE 2 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.
- (B) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM REASONABLY PROTECTING THE PERSON FROM UNLAWFUL, UNREASONABLE, AND EXCESSIVE FORCE USED ACAINST THE PERSON DURING AN ARREST OR DETENTION.
  - (C) (B) A PERSON MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY:
    - (1) RESIST A LAWFUL ARREST; OR
- (1) (2) INTERFERE WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO THE PERSON HAS REASON TO KNOW IS A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS MAKING OR ATTEMPTING TO MAKE AN A LAWFUL ARREST OR DETENTION OF THE PERSON OR ANOTHER PERSON; OR.
- (2) FLEE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO THE PERSON HAS REASON TO KNOW IS A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS MAKING OR ATTEMPTING TO MAKE AN ARREST OR DETENTION OF THE PERSON.
- (D) (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.
- (E) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE IMPOSED SEPARATE FROM AND CONSECUTIVE TO OR CONCURRENT WITH A SENTENCE FOR ANY CRIME NOT ENUMERATED IN THIS SECTION THAT IS BASED ON THE ACT ESTABLISHING THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.