

(2) IN EXERCISING AUTHORITY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ALL THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A STATE'S ATTORNEY, INCLUDING THE USE OF THE GRAND JURY IN THE COUNTY, TO PROSECUTE THE VIOLATION.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, THE RESPECTIVE STATE'S ATTORNEY OF EACH COUNTY, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MAY JOIN THE CAUSES OF ACTION IN A SINGLE COMPLAINT WITH THE CONSENT OF EACH STATE'S ATTORNEY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER AN OFFENSE SOUGHT TO BE JOINED.

~~(E)~~ (F) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND PROVIDED AT LEAST ONE CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY OF A CRIMINAL GANG ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH A GRAND JURY IS SITTING, THE GRAND JURY MAY ISSUE SUBPOENAS, SUMMON WITNESSES, AND OTHERWISE CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED CRIMINAL GANG'S ACTIVITIES AND OFFENSES IN OTHER COUNTIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Attorney General and the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association shall report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2008, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on recommendations for additional legislation to aid in the prosecution of gang activity.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.

CHAPTER 497

(House Bill 785)

AN ACT concerning

Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or offer for sale of cigarettes in the State unless the cigarettes have been tested in a certain manner and meet a