

CHAPTER 535

(House Bill 1042)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Applicability

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "law enforcement officer" as it applies to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights to include certain additional police officers, investigative assistants, and inspection assistants; and generally relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 727(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

727.

(b) "Law enforcement officer" means any person who, in an official capacity, is authorized by law to make arrests and who is a member of one of the following law enforcement agencies:

- (1) The Department of State Police;
- (2) The Baltimore City Police Department;
- (3) The Baltimore City School Police Force;
- (4) The police department, bureau, or force of any county;
- (5) The police department, bureau, or force of any incorporated city or town;
- (6) The office of the sheriff of any county or Baltimore City;
- (7) The police department, bureau, or force of any bicounty agency, or the University of Maryland;
- (8) The [Mass Transit Administration Police Force of the Department of Transportation, the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force, and the Maryland Port Administration Police Force of the Department of Transportation] ~~POLICE OFFICERS~~ FORCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;
- (9) The police officers of the Department of Natural Resources;