

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.

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## CHAPTER 15

(Senate Bill 37)

AN ACT concerning

### Criminal Procedure Article Additions

FOR the purpose of adding three new titles to the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as "Title 14. Office of the State Prosecutor", "Title 15. Office of the State's Attorney", and "Title 16. Office of the Public Defender"; revising, restating, and recodifying certain laws applicable to the Office of the State Prosecutor, including laws concerning the establishment of the Office, the eligibility of individuals to be nominated and appointed to be the State Prosecutor, the establishment and membership of the State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission, the filling of vacancies in the Office, the reprimand or removal of the State Prosecutor, the general powers and duties of the State Prosecutor, investigations, reports, and prosecutions of the Office, the budget and staff of the Office, and meetings with the Attorney General and State's Attorneys; revising, restating, and recodifying certain laws applicable to the Office of the State's Attorney, including laws concerning the duties of the State's Attorney, the subpoena power in a criminal investigation, and the appointment of an interim State's Attorney, the establishment of the State's Attorneys' Coordination Council, the establishment of the Office of the State's Attorneys' Coordinator, the duties of the Coordinator, and the salary, expenses, staffing, and other matters regarding the State's Attorneys for Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Howard County, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Washington County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County; revising, restating, and recodifying certain laws applicable to the Office of the Public Defender, including laws concerning the establishment of the Office of the Public Defender, Office personnel, representation of indigent individuals, termination of representation, representation in federal court, duties and powers of the Public Defender, panel attorneys, privileged communications, eligibility for services, reimbursement for services, liens, the Board of Trustees of the Office of the Public Defender, regional advisory boards, reports of the