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CHAPTER 242

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Baltimore City Watershed Police**  
3 **Force**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of "law enforcement officer" to  
5 include a member of the Baltimore City Watershed Police Force who is  
6 authorized to make arrests so as to provide that such law enforcement officers  
7 are covered under and afforded the rights provided by the Law Enforcement  
8 Officers' Bill of Rights.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
11 Section 727(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

17 727.

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

21 (1) The Department of State Police;

- 1 (2) The Baltimore City Police Department;
- 2 (3) The Baltimore City School Police Force;
- 3 (4) THE BALTIMORE CITY WATERSHED POLICE FORCE;
- 4 (5) The police department, bureau, or force of any county;
- 5 [(5)] (6) The police department, bureau, or force of any incorporated city  
6 or town;
- 7 [(6)] (7) The office of the sheriff of any county or Baltimore City;
- 8 [(7)] (8) The police department, bureau, or force of any bicounty agency;
- 9 [(8)] (9) The Maryland Transportation Authority Police and the police  
10 forces of the Department of Transportation;
- 11 [(9)] (10) The police officers of the Department of Natural Resources;
- 12 [(10)] (11) The Investigative Services Unit of the Comptroller's Office;
- 13 [(11)] (12) Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force;
- 14 [(12)] (13) The Crofton Police Department;
- 15 [(13)] (14) The police officers of the Department of Health and Mental  
16 Hygiene;
- 17 [(14)] (15) The police officers of the Department of General Services;
- 18 [(15)] (16) The police officers of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and  
19 Regulation;
- 20 [(16)] (17) The State Fire Marshal or a full-time investigative and  
21 inspection assistant of the Office of the State Fire Marshal; or
- 22 [(17)] (18) The police officers of the University System of Maryland.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2001.

