

SENATE BILL 1134

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By: **Senator DeGrange**

Introduced and read first time: February 29, 2016

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Initial Appearance Before a District Court Commissioner**
3 **– Costs for Appointed Legal Representation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain costs for providing certain legal representation
5 at an initial appearance before a District Court commissioner be charged to and paid
6 by the county in which the representation is provided under certain circumstances;
7 and generally relating to costs associated with providing legal representation at an
8 initial appearance before a District Court commissioner.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Criminal Procedure

11 Section 5–216

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

17 **5–216.**

18 **IF ATTORNEYS ARE APPOINTED IN A COUNTY TO PROVIDE LEGAL**
19 **REPRESENTATION AT AN INITIAL APPEARANCE BEFORE A DISTRICT COURT**
20 **COMMISSIONER, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE COSTS OF COMPENSATING THE**
21 **ATTORNEYS PLUS THE ASSOCIATED COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM THAT**
22 **IS GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT RESTRICTED FOR THIS PURPOSE IN THE STATE**
23 **BUDGET SHALL BE CHARGED BY THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY IN**
24 **WHICH THE REPRESENTATION IS PROVIDED AND SHALL BE PAID BY THAT COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2016.