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**By: Delegate Hutchins**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - False Statements**

3 FOR the purpose of making a person civilly liable who knowingly makes a false  
4 statement, report, or complaint in the course of certain investigations or  
5 proceedings concerning the conduct of a law enforcement officer; making certain  
6 false statements not privileged; and generally relating to false statements, reports,  
7 or complaints made in an investigation or proceeding concerning the conduct of a  
8 law enforcement officer.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
11 Section 734C  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 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 734C.

18 (A) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement, report, or complaint in  
19 the course of an investigation or any proceeding conducted under the provisions of this  
20 subtitle is CIVILLY LIABLE AND subject to the same penalties as provided in Article 27,  
21 § 150.

22 (B) A FALSE STATEMENT, REPORT, OR COMPLAINT UNDER SUBSECTION (A)  
23 OF THIS SECTION IS NOT PRIVILEGED.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 1996.