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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Procedures - Address of Witness**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that a State's Attorney may not be required to disclose
4 the address of an individual whom the State intends to call as a witness at a criminal
5 hearing or trial; providing for a certain exception; establishing the intent of the Act;
6 and generally relating to criminal law procedures.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 764
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 764.

16 EXCEPT IF A JUDGE DETERMINES THAT THE INFORMATION IS NECESSARY, A
17 STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THE ADDRESS OF AN
18 INDIVIDUAL WHOM THE STATE INTENDS TO CALL AS A WITNESS AT A CRIMINAL
19 HEARING OR TRIAL.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is intended to
21 supersede Rule 4-263(b) of the Maryland Rules.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 1997.