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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Impersonating a Federal Police Officer**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a prohibition against impersonating a police officer to
4 make it applicable to impersonating a federal police officer; and generally
5 relating to crimes and punishments.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 440
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 440.

15 It shall be unlawful for any person falsely to represent himself as being a
16 member of [the] A police force of THE UNITED STATES OR OF this State or another
17 state, of Baltimore City or of any county or municipal corporation of the State or of
18 another state, or to represent himself as a special policeman, or to represent himself
19 as a sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable, with fraudulent design upon person or
20 property, or to have, use, wear or display, without the authority of the Secretary of
21 State Police or the appropriate authority of [the] A police force of THE UNITED
22 STATES OR another state, the commissioner of police of Baltimore City or the chief of
23 police of any county or municipal corporation of this State or of another state, or of a
24 sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable, any uniform, shield, button, ornament, badge,
25 identification, shoulder patch adopted by the Department of State Police to be worn
26 by the members of said Department, insignia or emblem of office, such as are worn by
27 the members of the respective police forces or sheriff or constable, or to have any
28 simulation or imitation of such articles for the purpose of deception. Any person
29 violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
30 conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars

1 (\$100.00) or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or to both such fine and
2 imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 1998.