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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Applicability**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "law enforcement officer" as it applies
4 to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights to include certain additional
5 police officers, investigative assistants, and inspection assistants; and generally
6 relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 727(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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**

15 727.

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

- 19 (1) The Department of State Police;
- 20 (2) The Baltimore City Police Department;
- 21 (3) The Baltimore City School Police Force;
- 22 (4) The police department, bureau, or force of any county;
- 23 (5) The police department, bureau, or force of any incorporated city or
24 town;

- 1 (6) The office of the sheriff of any county or Baltimore City;
- 2 (7) The police department, bureau, or force of any bicounty agency, or the
3 University of Maryland;
- 4 (8) The [Mass Transit Administration Police Force of the Department of
5 Transportation, the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force, and the
6 Maryland Port Administration Police Force of the Department of Transportation]
7 POLICE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;
- 8 (9) The police officers of the Department of Natural Resources;
- 9 (10) The Investigative Services Unit of the Comptroller's Office;
- 10 (11) Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force; [or]
- 11 (12) The Crofton Police Department[.];
- 12 (13) THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
13 MENTAL HYGIENE;
- 14 (14) THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL
15 SERVICES;
- 16 (15) THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING,
17 AND REGULATION; OR
- 18 (16) FULL-TIME INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANTS AND INSPECTION
19 ASSISTANTS IN THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE.
- 20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 1998.