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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental -  
Transportation)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that officers of the Maryland Transportation Authority  
4 Police are covered under and afforded the rights provided by the Law  
5 Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
8 Section 727(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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**

14 727.

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

18 (1) The Department of State Police;

19 (2) The Baltimore City Police Department;

- 1 (3) The Baltimore City School Police Force;
- 2 (4) The police department, bureau, or force of any county;
- 3 (5) The police department, bureau, or force of any incorporated city or  
4 town;
- 5 (6) The office of the sheriff of any county or Baltimore City;
- 6 (7) The police department, bureau, or force of any bicounty agency;
- 7 (8) The MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE AND THE  
8 police forces of the Department of Transportation;
- 9 (9) The police officers of the Department of Natural Resources;
- 10 (10) The Investigative Services Unit of the Comptroller's Office;
- 11 (11) Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force;
- 12 (12) The Crofton Police Department;
- 13 (13) The police officers of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- 14 (14) The police officers of the Department of General Services;
- 15 (15) The police officers of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and  
16 Regulation;
- 17 (16) The State Fire Marshal or a full-time investigative and inspection  
18 assistant of the Office of the State Fire Marshal; or
- 19 (17) The police officers of the University System of Maryland.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2000.