
By: **Charles County Delegation**
 Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2005
 Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - False Statements Made During an Investigation -**
 3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from, during the course of an investigation,
 5 making or causing to be made, a statement, report, or complaint that the person
 6 knows to be false to a certain law enforcement officer with the intent to deceive;
 7 making a technical connection; and generally relating to false statements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 9 Article - Criminal Law
 10 Section 9-501
 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
 12 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Criminal Law**

16 9-501.

17 (a) (1) A person may not make, or cause to be made, a statement, report, or
 18 complaint that the person knows to be false as a whole or in material part, to a law
 19 enforcement officer of the State, of a county, municipal corporation, or other political
 20 subdivision of the State, or of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
 21 Police with intent to deceive and to cause an investigation or other action to be taken
 22 as a result of the statement, report, or complaint.

23 (2) DURING THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION, A PERSON MAY NOT
 24 MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, A STATEMENT, REPORT, OR COMPLAINT THAT THE
 25 PERSON KNOWS TO BE FALSE AS A WHOLE OR IN MATERIAL PART, TO A LAW
 26 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE STATE, OF A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
 27 OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR OF THE
 28 MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING POLICE WITH THE INTENT TO
 29 DECEIVE.

1 (b) A person who violates SUBSECTION (A) OF this section is guilty of a
2 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or
3 a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2005.