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By: **Delegate Marriott (By Request - Baltimore City Administration) and  
Delegates C. Davis, Goodwin, Hammen, Harrison, Krysiak, McHale,  
McIntosh, Paige, and Pugh**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2006

Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Counties and Baltimore City - Inspectors General - Subpoena Power and**  
3 **Judicial Enforcement**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county that has established a certain Office of  
5 Inspector General to enact a local law or ordinance that authorizes a certain  
6 Inspector General to issue a subpoena for certain purposes under certain  
7 circumstances and to petition a certain circuit court to enforce a certain  
8 subpoena; and generally relating to the authorization by a county for an  
9 Inspector General to issue subpoenas and provide for enforcement of the  
10 subpoenas.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
13 Section 5-101 to be under the new title "Title 5. Offices of Inspectors General"  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

19 TITLE 5. OFFICES OF INSPECTORS GENERAL.

20 5-101.

21 A COUNTY THAT HAS ESTABLISHED, EITHER BY ORDINANCE OR BY EXECUTIVE  
22 ORDER, AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL MAY ENACT A LOCAL LAW OR  
23 ORDINANCE THAT AUTHORIZES THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO:

24 (1) ISSUE A SUBPOENA TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON TO APPEAR UNDER  
25 OATH AS A WITNESS OR PRODUCE ANY RECORD OR OTHER MATERIAL IN

1 CONNECTION WITH AN AUDIT OR INVESTIGATION OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR  
2 GENERAL; AND

3           (2)       FILE A PETITION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF A SUBPOENA, ISSUED IN  
4 ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE, WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
5 THE COUNTY.

6       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2006.