

# HOUSE BILL 421

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Otto and McDermott**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Deputy State’s Attorney – Private Practice**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against the deputy State’s Attorney for  
4 Somerset County engaging in the private practice of law; making this Act an  
5 emergency measure; and generally relating to the deputy State’s Attorney in  
6 Somerset County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Procedure  
9 Section 15–420  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

15 15–420.

16 (a) This section applies only in Somerset County.

17 (b) The State’s Attorney’s salary is \$98,000.

18 (c) (1) The State’s Attorney may appoint a deputy State’s Attorney who  
19 shall:

20 (i) serve at the pleasure of the State’s Attorney; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (ii) present cases to the grand jury, sign indictments and  
2 criminal informations, and perform other functions necessary to the operation of the  
3 office and as directed by the State's Attorney or as authorized by law.

4                   (2) The county commissioners shall set a salary for the deputy State's  
5 Attorney that may not exceed the salary of the State's Attorney.

6                   (d) The State's Attorney may:

7                   (1) appoint one or more assistants at salaries that the county  
8 commissioners set; and

9                   (2) hire one or more investigators at salaries provided in the county  
10 budget.

11                  (e) The State's Attorney [and deputy State's Attorney] may not engage in  
12 the private practice of law.

13                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
14 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
15 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
16 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
17 the date it is enacted.