

## **Chapter 61**

**(Senate Bill 383)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

#### **Article – Criminal Procedure**

15–420.

- (a) This section applies only in Somerset County.
- (b) The State’s Attorney’s salary is \$98,000.
- (c) (1) The State’s Attorney may appoint a deputy State’s Attorney who shall:
  - (i) serve at the pleasure of the State’s Attorney; and
  - (ii) present cases to the grand jury, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform other functions necessary to the operation of the office and as directed by the State’s Attorney or as authorized by law.
- (2) The county commissioners shall set a salary for the deputy State’s Attorney that may not exceed the salary of the State’s Attorney.
- (d) The State’s Attorney may:

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.**