

# HOUSE BILL 787

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – State Reporter – Publication of Cases**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the State Reporter secure copyright for  
4 the State of published reports of opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the  
5 Appellate Court of Maryland; and generally relating to the State Reporter and the  
6 publication of cases.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 13–203  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 13–203.

16 **(A)** The State Reporter, under the supervision of the Supreme Court of Maryland,  
17 shall prepare for publication reports of cases decided in the Supreme Court of Maryland  
18 and in the Appellate Court of Maryland and designated for publication by the respective  
19 courts.

20 **(B)** The clerk of each appellate court shall deliver to the Reporter accurate copies  
21 of the opinions designated for publication by [his] **THE CLERK’S** court.

22 **(C)** The opinion in each case shall be published within six months of the decision  
23 in the case.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(D)** The Reporter, in the usual manner of authors, shall superintend the  
2 proofreading, correction, and publication of the reports [and secure copyright for the State  
3 of Maryland as its property].

4           **(E)** The Reporter shall have the sum for clerical assistance provided in the State  
5 budget.

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2025.