

## CHAPTER 441

(House Bill 746)

AN ACT to add three new sections to Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 edition), title "Howard County", sub-title "State's Attorney", said new sections to be known as Sections 296B, 296C, and 296D, and to follow immediately after Section 296A of said Article, providing for the prosecution of cases of DESERTION AND non-support of wife and ~~children~~ MINOR CHILD on information filed by the State's Attorney for Howard County.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That three new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 edition), title "Howard County", sub-title "State's Attorney", said new sections to be known as Sections 296B, 296C and 296D, and to follow immediately after Section 296A of said Article and to read as follows:

296B. (a) *Any person who fails to support his wife or SHALL WITHOUT JUST CAUSE DESERT OR WILFULLY NEGLECT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF HIS WIFE OR MINOR child may be prosecuted on information filed on behalf of the State by the State's Attorney of Howard County.*

(b) *The clerk of said court shall, upon order of the State's Attorney for said county, issue summons for witnesses to appear at the time and place to be designated in said order, and the said court shall have the same power as provided by Sections 7 and 8 of Article 35 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State to secure and compel the attendance and testimony of said witnesses, and all witnesses so summoned and appearing and taking the oath hereinafter provided shall receive the same compensation allowed to witnesses summoned and attending before the grand inquest for said county.*

296C. *The same pleading and practice and all provisions of law now applicable to indictments and governing the trial of issues thereon shall be applicable, so far as practicable, to information filed under Section 296B by the State's Attorney.*

**EXPLANATION:** *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.