

CHAPTER 167

(House Bill 313)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety - Impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer - Increased Penalties

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum criminal penalties for impersonating a law enforcement officer; and generally relating to impersonating a law enforcement officer.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Safety

Section 3-502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume)

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

Article - Public Safety

3-502.

(a) In this section, "police officer" means a member of:

- (1) a police force of this State or another state;
- (2) a police force of a county or municipal corporation of this State or another state;
- (3) the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division;
- (4) the United States Park Police;
- (5) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (6) the Drug Enforcement Administration; or
- (7) a division of a federal agency the primary duties of which are the investigation, apprehension, or detention of individuals suspected or convicted of federal crimes.

(b) A person may not, with fraudulent design on person or property, falsely represent that the person is a police officer, special police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or constable.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a person may not have, use, wear, or display a uniform, shield, button, ornament, badge, identification, or