

## **CHAPTER 590**

**(House Bill 103)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Public Safety – Eyewitness Identification – Written Policies**

FOR the purpose of requiring each law enforcement agency in the State to adopt written policies relating to eyewitness identification that comply with certain standards by a certain date; requiring each law enforcement agency to file a copy of a certain policy with the Department of State Police by a certain date; requiring the Department to compile certain policies and allow public inspection of certain policies by a certain date; and generally relating to eyewitness identification in a criminal proceeding.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–505

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Public Safety**

#### **3–505.**

**(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2007, EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE SHALL ADOPT WRITTEN POLICIES RELATING TO EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION THAT COMPLY WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STANDARDS ON OBTAINING ACCURATE EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION.**

**(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008, EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE SHALL FILE A COPY OF THE WRITTEN POLICY RELATING TO EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.**

**(c) (1) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2008, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL COMPILE THE WRITTEN POLICY RELATING TO EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION OF EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE.**

**(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL ALLOW PUBLIC INSPECTION OF EACH POLICY COMPILED.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

**Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.**