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## LIE DETECTOR TESTS

### Labor and Employment Article, Title 3, Subtitle 7, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### § 3-702.

(a) In this section, “employer” means:

- (1) a person engaged in a business, industry, profession, trade, or other enterprise in the State;
  - (2) the State;
  - (3) a county; and
  - (4) a municipal corporation in the State.
- (b) (1) This section does not apply to the federal government or any of its units.
- (2) This section does not apply to an individual who is an employee of or applies for assignment to the Internal Investigative Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.
- (3) This section does not apply to an individual who applies for employment or is employed:
- (i) as a law enforcement officer, as defined in §3-101 of the Public Safety Article;
  - (ii) as an employee of a law enforcement agency of the State, a county, or a municipal corporation;
  - (iii) as a communications officer of the Calvert County Control Center;
  - (iv) as a correctional officer of a State correctional facility;
  - (v) as an employee of a State correctional facility in any capacity that involves direct contact with an incarcerated individual in a State correctional facility;
  - (vi) as a correctional officer of the Calvert County Detention Center or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an incarcerated individual in the Detention Center;
  - (vii) as a correctional officer of the Carroll County Detention Center or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an incarcerated individual in the Detention Center;
  - (viii) as a correctional officer of the Washington County Detention Center or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an incarcerated individual in the Center; or
  - (ix) as a correctional officer of:
    1. the Baltimore County Detention Center;
    2. the Cecil County Detention Center;
    3. the Charles County Detention Center;
    4. the Frederick County Adult Detention Center;
    5. the Harford County Detention Center; or
    6. the St. Mary’s County Detention Center.
- (4) This section does not apply to an applicant for employment as a correctional officer of a local correctional facility.
- (5) This section does not apply to an applicant for employment with either the Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities or the Caroline County Department of

Corrections in any capacity that involves direct contact with an incarcerated individual in either the Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities or the Caroline County Department of Corrections.

(6) This section does not apply to an applicant for employment with the Washington County Emergency Communications Center.

(7) This section does not apply to an applicant for employment:

- (i) as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with St. Mary’s County; or
- (ii) with the St. Mary’s County Emergency Communications Center.

(8) This section does not apply to an applicant for employment:

- (i) as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with the Emergency Medical Services Division within the Dorchester County Department of Emergency Services; or
- (ii) as a 9–1–1 Specialist at the Dorchester County 9–1–1 Center within the Dorchester County Department of Emergency Services.

(c) An employer may not require or demand, as a condition of employment, prospective employment, or continued employment, that an individual submit to or take a lie detector or similar test.

(d) (1) Each application for employment shall set out, in bold-faced upper case type, the following notice:

“Under Maryland law, an employer may not require or demand, as a condition of employment, prospective employment, or continued employment, that an individual submit to or take a lie detector or similar test. An employer who violates this law is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.”

(2) Each application shall provide a space for an applicant to sign an acknowledgment of the notice required under this subsection.

(e) An applicant shall sign the acknowledgment of the notice required under subsection (d) of this section.

(f) If an employer violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section, an applicant for employment or prospective employment or an employee may submit to the Commissioner a written complaint.

(g) (1) Whenever the Commissioner determines that this section has been violated, the Commissioner may:

- (i) try to resolve any issue involved in the violation informally by mediation; or
- (ii) ask the Attorney General to bring an action on behalf of the applicant or employee.

(2) The Attorney General may bring an action under this section in the county where the violation allegedly occurred, for injunctive relief, damages, or other relief.

(h) An employer who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.