

SEC. 38. 37. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved April 28, 1970

CHAPTER 403
(Senate Bill 883)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 276 through 313D of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheadings "Health—Narcotic Drugs," "Health — Dangerous Drugs," "Health — Harmful Inhalants," "Health—State Drug Abuse Control Act," "Health—Possession of Amphetamines and Barbiturates," "Health—Unsolicited Mailing of Drugs," and to repeal said subheadings, and to enact new Sections 276 through 302 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections repealed and to be under the new subheading "Health—Controlled Dangerous Substances," to follow immediately after Section 275 of said Article, providing for a comprehensive set of schedules, regulations, offenses, and penalties for those substances which are classified as controlled dangerous substances, providing a procedure for forfeiture of certain property under certain conditions, and generally revising the law relating to the subject of dangerous drugs, and matters generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 276 through 313D of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheadings "Health — Narcotic Drugs," "Health — Dangerous Drugs," "Health—Harmful Inhalants," "Health—State Drug Abuse Control Act," "Health—Possession of Amphetamines and Barbiturates," "Health—Unsolicited Mailing of Drugs," and to repeal said subheadings, and to enact new Sections 276 through 302 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections repealed and to be under the new subheading "Health—Controlled Dangerous Substances," to follow immediately after Section 275 of said Article, and all to read as follows:*

HEALTH—CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

276. Purpose and Construction:

(a) The General Assembly finds and declares that many of the substances included with this subheading have a useful and legitimate medical purpose and are necessary to maintain the health and general welfare of the people of the State of Maryland.

The General Assembly, however, finds and declares that the illegal manufacture, distribution, possession, and administration of controlled dangerous substances have a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of the State of Maryland. It is the purpose of this subheading to establish a uniform law controlling the manufacture, distribution, possession,