

*and administration of controlled dangerous substances and related paraphernalia in order to insure their availability for legitimate medical and scientific purposes, but to prevent their abuse which results in a serious health problem to the individual and represents a serious danger to the welfare of the people of the State of Maryland.*

*(b) The provisions of this subheading shall be liberally interpreted and construed so as to effectuate its general purpose as stated hereinabove.*

**277. Definitions:**

*The following words and phrases as used in this subheading shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:*

*(a) "Administer" shall mean to introduce a substance into the system of a human being or animal by injection, inhalation, ingestion, application to the skin, or any combination thereof or by any other means.*

*(b) "Agent" shall mean AN employee or other authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor or practitioner but does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman or employee thereof.*

*(c) "Authority" shall mean the Drug Abuse Authority under the jurisdiction of the Department.*

*(d) "Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs" shall mean the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs of the United States Department of Justice.*

*(e) "Control" shall mean the power of the Department to add, remove, or change the placement of a drug, substance, or immediate precursor under Sections 278 and 279 of this subheading as amended from time to time.*

*(f) "Controlled Dangerous Substance" shall mean any drug, substance or immediate precursor in Schedules I through IV of this subheading. The term shall not include distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages or tobacco as those terms are set forth in Article 2B of the Code.*

*(g) "Counterfeit substance" means a controlled dangerous substance, or the container or labeling of which, without authorization, bears the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint, number or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser other than the person who in fact manufactured, distributed or dispensed any such substance and which thereby falsely purports or is represented to be the product of, or to have been distributed by, any such other manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser.*

*(h) "Department" shall mean the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of this State.*

*(i) "Deliver" or "Delivery" shall mean the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer, exchange, or delivering of a controlled dangerous substance from one person to another with or without remuneration, whether or not there exists an agency relationship.*