

ages of the victim and the person engaging in the act; and redefining the crimes of second and fourth degree sexual offenses by changing the age conditions applicable to the victims; giving this Act a prospective effect and providing for the prosecution of persons committing certain crimes repealed by this Act when those crimes have been committed prior to their repeal; and generally relating to sexual offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 464, 464A, and 464C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

464.

(a) A person is guilty of a sexual offense in the first degree if the person engages in a sexual act:

(1) With another person by force or threat of force against the will and without the consent of the other person, and:

(i) Employs or displays a dangerous or deadly weapon or an article which the other person reasonably concludes is a dangerous or deadly weapon; or

(ii) Inflicts suffocation, strangulation, disfigurement, or serious physical injury upon the other person or upon anyone else in the course of committing the offense; or

(iii) Threatens or places the victim in fear that the victim or any person known to the victim will be imminently subjected to death, suffocation, strangulation, disfigurement, serious physical injury, or kidnapping; or

(iv) The person commits the offense aided and abetted by one or more other persons; or

(2) With another person who is under 14 years of age and the person performing the act is at least four or more years older than the victim].

(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and upon conviction is subject to imprisonment for no more than the period of his natural life.