

~~WHEREAS, The illegal drug trade cannot be controlled without arresting and prosecuting white collar dealers and their professional cadre, just as street level retail dealers and users are arrested and prosecuted; now, therefore,~~

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

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

18-306.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COMMISSION ON WHITE COLLAR DEALERS OF ILLEGAL DRUGS.

(3) ~~"WHITE COLLAR DEALER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:~~

~~(I) HOLDS HIMSELF OUT TO THE PUBLIC AS BEING EMPLOYED IN AND EARNING A LIVELIHOOD FROM A LEGITIMATE OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION, COMMONLY CHARACTERIZED AS "WHITE COLLAR", THAT MAY REQUIRE ADVANCED EDUCATION AND SPECIALIZED SKILLS; AND~~

~~(H) 1. ASSISTS OR PARTICIPATES IN THE IMPORTATION OR WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS;~~

~~2. SUPPLIES VEHICLES, WEAPONS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR ILLEGAL DRUG DEALERS;~~

~~3. CONCEALS ILLEGAL PROCEEDS; OR~~

~~4. OTHERWISE PROVIDES EXPERTISE TO KEEP ILLEGAL DRUG MONEY HIDDEN FROM PUBLIC SCRUTINY.~~

(3) "WHITE COLLAR DEALER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY USES BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL ENTITIES, OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO AID OR FURTHER THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, OR IMPORTATION OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE.

(B) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON WHITE COLLAR DEALERS OF ILLEGAL DRUGS.

(C) (4) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF ~~FIFTEEN MEMBERS.~~ NINE MEMBERS, AS FOLLOWS:

(2) (1) TWELVE SIX MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS FOLLOWS:

(1) TWO SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE BUREAU OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT;