

This bill increases the penalties for homicide by a motor vehicle or vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or controlled dangerous substances. The bill also establishes a new crime of and penalties for causing life threatening injury as result of driving while intoxicated or under the influence.

House Bill 32, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 277.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 277

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Homicide or Life Threatening Injury – Motor Vehicle or Vessel

FOR the purpose of establishing the crimes of and penalties for causing a life threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel while intoxicated, intoxicated per se, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a controlled dangerous substance; establishing the crimes of and penalties for homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while under the influence of drugs or a controlled dangerous substance; altering the penalty for homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while intoxicated; altering the penalty for homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while under the influence of alcohol; providing for certain tests that may be administered in certain prosecutions under this Act; providing for the admissibility of certain test results; providing for assessment of points against an individual convicted of a violation of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to homicide or life threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel while intoxicated, intoxicated per se, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a controlled dangerous substance.

BY renumbering

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 388B
to be Section 388C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 388A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments