

(g) (1) In this subsection, "drug kingpin" means a person who occupies a position of an organizer, supervisor, financier, or manager as a coconspirator in a conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, dispense, bring into, or transport in the State controlled dangerous substances.

(2) A drug kingpin who conspires to manufacture, distribute, dispense, bring into, or transport in the State controlled dangerous substances in one or more of the amounts described under subsection (f) of this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to:

(i) Imprisonment for not less than 20 nor more than 40 years without the possibility of parole, and it is mandatory on the court to impose no less than 20 years' imprisonment, no part of which may be suspended; and

(ii) A fine of not more than \$1,000,000.

(3) The provisions of §§ 292 and 641 of this article are not applicable to a conviction under this subsection.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subheading, a conviction under this subsection does not merge with the conviction for any offense which is the object of the conspiracy.

(5) Nothing contained in this subsection prohibits the court from imposing an enhanced penalty under § 293 of this article. This subsection may not be construed to preclude or limit any prosecution for any other criminal offense.

(6) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section that the controlled dangerous substance was brought into or transported in this State solely for ultimate distribution or dispensing in another jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 2, 1990.

CHAPTER 348

(House Bill 667)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Memorial Hospital

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~\$2,000,000~~ ~~\$500,000~~ \$600,000 the proceeds to be used as a grant to The Memorial Hospital at Easton, MD., Inc., for the purpose of the planning, design, construction, and equipping of a regional cancer center in Easton, Maryland and for the purpose of the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, expansion, modernization, and equipping of the surgical facilities at Memorial