

broad cross section of concerned citizens, State, local, and national officials, and health, corrections, and law enforcement experts, has submitted a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, The Commission's plan examines the nature and extent of the problem, summarizes current efforts, promotes coordination of drug control efforts, and identifies goals and recommendations designed to meet the challenge of controlling substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, The Commission's plan calls for changing our society's behavior and attitude about drug abuse by, among other things:

1. requiring drug-free accountability for individuals who seek or hold State licenses to engage in professions, occupations, trades, or businesses; and

2. restricting the use of probation before judgment in controlled dangerous substance offense cases; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 292 and 298(c) of Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 298(d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively, of Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 298(c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 16-812(h) through (n), respectively, of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 16-812(i) through (o), respectively.

SECTION ~~2-3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

1-403.

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

(B) “CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE OFFENSE” MEANS:

(1) THE SAME AS IN ARTICLE 27, §298 OF THE CODE

(C) “CONVICTION” MEANS THE SAME AS IN ARTICLE 27, § 298 OF THE CODE AN OFFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 27, §§ 277 THROUGH 303 OF THE CODE; OR

(2) A VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION IF THE PROHIBITED CONDUCT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, §§ 277 THROUGH 303 OF THE CODE IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE.

~~(D) “LICENSE” MEANS:~~