

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 754
(Senate Bill 69)

AN ACT to add new Section 84A to Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, and 1970 Cumulative Supplement), title "Corporations," subtitle "Forfeiture and Revival," to follow immediately after Section 84 thereof, to provide for the forfeiture of a corporate charter or the revocation of the permit authorizing any foreign corporation to carry on business in this State when a corporate officer or other person controlling the corporation, with the actual or constructive knowledge of the president and a majority of the directors, is a person engaged in organized crime or who is connected with organizations or criminal societies engaging in organized crime, or a director, officer, employee, agent or stockholder acting for, through or on behalf of a corporation in conducting the corporation's affairs, purposely engages in a persistent course of organized crime or other criminal conduct, with the actual or constructive knowledge of the president and a majority of the directors, with the intent to get other persons or businesses to deal with the corporation or engage in organized crime; and for the prevention of future illegal conduct of the same character; and to permit the Attorney General to seek to enjoin the operation of any non-corporate business when any person in theory or in fact exercises control over the business, or employee or agent of that business purposely engages in a persistent course of organized crime or other illegal conduct with the intent to compel or induce other persons or businesses to deal with that business or engage in organized crime; and for the prevention of future illegal conduct of the same character; and for the purpose of making available any other proceeding authorized by law for the purpose of forfeiting the charter of a corporation or revoking the permit of a foreign corporation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 84A be and it is hereby added to Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, and 1970 Cumulative Supplement), title "Corporations," subtitle "Forfeiture and Revival," to follow immediately after Section 84 thereof, and to read as follows:

84A.

(a) *The term "organized crime" means any combination or conspiracy to engage in criminal activity as a significant source of income or livelihood, or to violate, aid or abet the violation of criminal laws relating to prostitution, gambling, loan sharking, drug abuse, illegal drug distribution, counterfeiting, extortion, corruption of law enforcement officers or other public officers or employees.*