

exceeding two years, or be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court; provided, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to affect or interfere with the law relating to the crime of rape as now in force in this State; and provided further, that this section shall not apply to male persons under the age of eighteen years.]

[Sodomy]

553.

[Every person convicted of the crime of sodomy shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than ten years.]

554.

[Every person who shall be convicted of taking into his or her mouth the sexual organ of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of placing his or her sexual organ in the mouth of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of committing any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any other person or animal, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in jail or in the house of correction or in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding ten years, or shall be both fined and imprisoned within the limits above prescribed in the discretion of the court.

Any in any indictment for the commission of any of the acts, hereby declared to be offenses, it shall not be necessary to set forth the particular unnatural or perverted sexual practice with the commission of which the defendant may be charged, nor to set forth the particular manner in which said unnatural or perverted sexual practice was committed, but it shall be sufficient if the indictment set forth that the defendant committed a certain unnatural and perverted sexual practice with a person or animal, as the case may be.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 461, 462, 463, 464, 464A [[and 464B]], 464B, [[and 464C]] 464C, 464D and 464E to be under the new [[subtitle]] subheading "Sexual Offenses" be and they are hereby added to Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

SEXUAL OFFENSES

[[461.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE