

certain age under certain circumstances; providing for a penalty upon conviction; giving this act a prospective effect; providing for the prosecution of persons committing certain crimes repealed or redefined by this act when those crimes are committed prior to this repeal or redefinition; and generally relating to the crime of rape; and altering the structure of the codification of Section 462 of Article 27.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 462 and 463
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 462 and 463 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

462.

[(a) A person is guilty of rape in the first degree if the person engages in vaginal intercourse:

~~(1)~~ With another person by force or threat of force against the will and without the consent of the other person and:

(i) Employs or displays a dangerous or deadly weapon or an article which the other person reasonably concludes is a dangerous or deadly weapon; or

(ii) Inflicts suffocation, strangulation, disfigurement, or serious physical injury upon the other person or upon anyone else in the course of committing the offense; or

(iii) Threatens or places the victim in fear that the victim or any person known to the victim will be imminently subjected to death, suffocation, strangulation, disfigurement, serious physical injury, or kidnapping; or

(iv) The person commits the offense aided and abetted by one or more other persons ~~+~~ ~~or~~ or]

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