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CHAPTER 552

(House Bill 1404)

AN ACT concerning

Controlled Dangerous Substances - Disposition of
Seized Money, Currency, and Property

FOR the purpose of providing for the disposition of money, currency, and property seized in connection with controlled dangerous substances or controlled paraphernalia; and generally relating to disposition of money, currency, and property seized under the laws relating to Controlled Dangerous Substances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 297(a), (6), (b), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 297(a), (6), (b), and (d) 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and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

297.

(a) The following shall be subject to forfeiture and no property right shall exist in them:

(6) All money or currency which shall be found in close proximity to contraband controlled dangerous substances or controlled paraphernalia or which otherwise has been used or intended for use in connection with the illegal manufacture, distribution, dispensing or possession of controlled dangerous substances or controlled paraphernalia.

THIS MONEY OR CURRENCY SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE CONTRABAND OF LAW AND ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE MONEY OR CURRENCY SHALL IMMEDIATELY VEST IN AND TO BALTIMORE CITY OR THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT WAS SEIZED, THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IF SEIZED BY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, OR, IF IT WAS SEIZED BY STATE AUTHORITIES,