

interest on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full, such principal to be discharged within fifteen years of the date of issue of the bonds.

(4) This Act shall take effect June 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

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CHAPTER 678

(House Bill 907)

AN ACT concerning

Aggressive and Violent Offenders

FOR the purpose of providing new and different alternatives for dealing with aggressive and violent offenders; amending the definition of a crime of violence to include the use of a handgun in the commission of a felony or other crime of violence; clarifying the definition of correctional institution as including Patuxent Institution and local or regional jails and detention centers; providing a minimum mandatory sentence for certain persons who have been convicted of three violent crimes; providing for the nonsuspension of such sentence and the conditions under which a person receiving it may be paroled; rewriting the provisions of law concerning defective delinquency and Patuxent Institution; defining terms; providing for Patuxent Institution, its governance and staff; prohibiting certain conflicts of interests; providing procedures for the referral and transfer of persons to Patuxent; providing for the rights, treatment, and rehabilitation, release, and retransfer of persons transferred to Patuxent; providing for the assembling, review, confidentiality, and dissemination of certain information; making persons committed to Patuxent subject to the Interstate Agreement on Detainers; providing certain transition provisions with respect to persons previously committed to Patuxent; correcting certain obsolete references to Executive units; and relating generally to aggressive and violent offenders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 643B and 645A(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)