

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 725

{House Bill 1646}

AN ACT concerning

Crimes of Violence - Definitions

FOR the purpose of including within the definition of crimes of violence certain acts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 372 and 643B(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
{1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement}

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

372.

"Machine gun" as used in this subtitle, means a weapon, of any description, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which more than one shot or bullet may be automatically discharged from a magazine, by a single function of the firing device.

"Crime of violence" applies to and includes any of the following crimes or an attempt to commit any of the same, namely, murder of any degree, manslaughter, kidnapping, rape in any degree, mayhem, assault WITH INTENT to do great bodily harm, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO RAPE, robbery, burglary, housebreaking, breaking and entering and larceny.

"Person" applies to and includes firm, partnership, association or corporation.

643B.

(a) As used in this section, the term "crime of violence" means abduction; arson; kidnapping; manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter; mayhem; murder; rape; robbery; sexual offense in the first degree; sexual offense