

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved April 22, 1980.

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CHAPTER 223

(House Bill 1440)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes and Punishments - Smelling or Inhaling Drugs

FOR the purpose of including methyl benzene in the list of noxious chemical substances which are unlawful to smell or inhale.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 301(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

301.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to deliberately smell or inhale such excessive quantities of any drugs, or any other noxious substances or chemicals containing any ketones, aldehydes, butyl nitrite, METHYL BENZENE, organic acetates, ether, chlorinated hydrocarbons, or any other substances containing solvents releasing toxic vapors, as cause conditions of intoxication, inebriation, excitement, stupefaction or dulling of the brain or nervous system. This section applies with particularity to fingernail polish, model airplane glue, or any other substance or chemical which has the aforementioned effect upon the brain or nervous system when smelled or inhaled; provided, that nothing in this section shall be interpreted as applying to the inhalation of any anaesthesia for medical or dental purposes, and further provided, that nothing in this section shall be interpreted as applying to the controlled dangerous substances as defined in this subheading.