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CHAPTER 118

(House Bill 1997)

AN ACT concerning

Rape

FOR the purpose of supplying an inadvertent omission made in a prior Act of the General Assembly in order to specify that omitted circumstance constituting an element of the statutory crime of rape in the first degree.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 462(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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

462.

(a) A person is guilty of rape in the first degree if the person engages in vaginal intercourse with another person by force OR THREAT OF FORCE against the will and without the consent of the other person and:

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

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

(3) 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

(4) The person commits the offense aided and abetted by one or more other persons.