

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill No. 3 - By Senator Denis:

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law - Mental Illness - Punishment
and Treatment

FOR the purpose of repealing the definition of "insane"; repealing the definition of "mental disorder" and replacing it with a definition of "mental illness"; providing that certain statements made by a certain person are not admissible in evidence in a criminal proceeding against the person on any issue other than his ability to assist counsel at trial or to form any specific intent which is an element of the crime charged; providing an exception for the admission of certain evidence; providing for the suspension of a person's civil rights under certain circumstances; providing for the restoration of a person's civil rights under certain circumstances; providing that a person is deemed civilly dead under certain circumstances; providing that mental condition is not a defense to any charge of criminal conduct; providing for the placement of a convicted person in an appropriate facility for treatment under certain circumstances; providing that if a course of treatment is concluded prior to the expiration of a certain sentence the offender shall remain liable for the remainder of the sentence but shall have credit for time incarcerated for treatment; repealing the test for relief from criminal responsibility; repealing provisions of law relating to insanity; prohibiting a defendant from raising the defense of insanity or pleading insanity to any criminal charge; authorizing the court to appoint a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist to examine and report upon the mental condition of the defendant under certain circumstances; providing for payment of certain costs; providing for the examination and report; providing for the receipt of evidence of mental condition at the time of sentencing; requiring the court to consider certain factors relating to the mental condition of the defendant under certain circumstances; requiring the court to authorize treatment during the period of confinement or probation specified in the sentence under certain circumstances; repealing provisions of law relating to a certain examination and evaluation;