SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

CHAPTER 390

(House Bill 128)

AN ACT concerning

Controlled Dangerous Substances - Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain persons who manufacture, distribute, or dispense any controlled dangerous substance or who propose to engage in those activities shall obtain registration from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene biennially every two years rather than on an annual basis.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 281(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

281.

(a) Every person who manufactures, distributes, or dispenses any controlled dangerous substance within the State or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of any controlled dangerous substance within the State, shall obtain [annually] BIENNIALLY EVERY TWO YEARS a registration issued by the Department in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Persons registered by the Department under this subheading to manufacture, distribute or dispense controlled dangerous substances are authorized to possess, manufacture, distribute, or dispense such substances (including any such activity in the conduct of research) to the extent authorized by their registration and in conformity with the other provisions of this subheading.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.