

CHAPTER 600

(Senate Bill 1)

AN ACT concerning

Death Penalty - Aggravating Circumstances

FOR the purpose of providing that the term "law enforcement officer", as used in a provision of law regarding aggravating circumstances that a court or jury may shall consider in a sentencing proceeding for possible imposition of the death penalty, includes certain privately employed security officers or special policemen; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to aggravating circumstances in certain death penalty cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 413(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume)

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Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 413(e)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

413.

(d) In determining the sentence, the court or jury, as the case may be, shall first consider whether, beyond a reasonable doubt, any of the following aggravating circumstances exist:

(1) The victim was a law enforcement officer who was murdered while in the performance of his duties.

(e) As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears: