

CHAPTER 161

(Senate Bill 305)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Conspiracies - Statute of Limitations

FOR the purpose of making the statute of limitations for the crime of conspiracy the same as the statute of limitations for the underlying offense.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-106(e) and (f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-106(l)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-106.

(e) A prosecution for the commission of or the attempt to commit a misdemeanor constituting: (1) a criminal offense under the State election laws; or (2) a criminal offense under the State conflict of interest laws; or (3) criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office committed by an officer of the State, or of an agency of the State, or of a political subdivision of the State, or of a bicounty or multicounty agency in the State shall be instituted within two years after the offense was committed.

(f) A prosecution for conspiracy to commit any of the offenses enumerated in subsection (e) shall be instituted within two years after the offense was committed.

(L) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE CRIME OF CONSPIRACY IS THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE CRIME THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY.