

CHAPTER 195

(House Bill 77)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County and Anne Arundel Counties - Obscene Performances
- Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from participating in a certain manner in certain obscene performances or entertainment in Worcester County; prohibiting certain persons from knowingly permitting certain premises to be used for obscene performances in Worcester County; defining certain--terms repealing a certain definition of the term "obscene" for the purpose of adopting the standard for obscenity stated by the Supreme Court in Miller v. California, 413 U.S. 15 (1973); providing penalties; and generally relating to the prohibition of obscene performances in Worcester County and Anne Arundel counties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 418B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 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 27 - Crimes and Punishments

418B.

(a) Any person who as actor, dancer, owner, manager, producer, director or agent or in any other capacity, prepares, gives, directs, presents, performs or participates in any obscene performance, exhibition, drama, play, show, dancing exhibition, tableau, or entertainment in which live persons perform or participate in an obscene manner in the presence of any other person or persons who have paid a consideration of any type whatsoever to observe the exhibition or performance; and

(b) Every owner, lessee, or manager of any theatre, garden, building, room, place or structure, who knowingly permits the same to be used for the purpose of any such exhibition as enumerated in paragraph (a) hereof, or who assents to its use for any such purpose shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon