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if the victim is the person's legal spouse at the time of the commission of the alleged rape or sexual offense; ~~authorizing a court to compel an individual to testify against the individual's spouse in certain cases;~~ generally relating to authorizing prosecution of a person for rape or certain sexual offenses under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 462, 463, 464B, and 464C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 464D
Annotated Code of Maryland
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~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article --- Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9-106
Annotated Code of Maryland
{1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 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

462.

(a) A person is guilty of rape in the first degree if the person engages in vaginal intercourse with another person by force or threat of force against the will and without the consent of the other person and:

(1) Employs or displays a dangerous or deadly weapon or an article which the other person reasonably concludes is a dangerous or deadly weapon; or

(2) Inflicts suffocation, strangulation, disfigurement, or serious physical injury upon the other person or upon anyone else in the course of committing the offense; or

(3) Threatens or places the victim in fear that the victim or any person known to the victim will be imminently