

CHAPTER 228

(Senate Bill 302)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Arson and Burning – Revision

FOR the purpose of revising and restating the laws relating to arson and burning; expanding the crime of arson in the first degree to include certain occupied structures; including fines as penalties for certain violations of this Act; prohibiting a person from burning property with intent to defraud; repealing certain provisions relating to attempting, aiding, counseling, or procuring certain offenses; repealing certain prohibitions concerning setting fires while perpetrating crimes and insurance fraud; clarifying that structures divided into separately owned or leased units are separate structures for purposes of prosecution; providing a short form charging document; providing that certain references to arson in the Code as they relate to murder and crimes of violence are only applicable to arson in the first degree; conforming language and altering cross-references to provisions relating to arson and burning; providing that certain notes contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered in a certain manner; making stylistic changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to arson and burning.

BY repealing

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

The subheading designation “Abortion”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 4 and 5, respectively

to be Section 3 and 4, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 5, 6, 7, 9B, and 11 to be under the subheading designation “Arson and Burning”

Annotated Code of Maryland