

~~guilty of a felony; providing that certain communications made concerning prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances or controlled paraphernalia are not privileged communications; increasing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; making certain stylistic changes providing certain penalties; and generally relating to prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances.~~

BY adding to

~~Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments~~

~~Section 286E~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

~~Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments~~

~~Section 287(b) 286(a)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

~~Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments~~

~~Section 286(b), (c), (d), and (e)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 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

~~286E.~~

~~(A) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBHEADING, A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY:~~

~~(1) POSSESS, PASS, UTTER, MAKE, OR MANUFACTURE A FALSE, FORGED, OR ALTERED PRESCRIPTION FOR A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE OR CONTROLLED PARAPHERNALIA; OR~~

~~(2) PROCURE OR ATTEMPT TO PROCURE THE ADMINISTRATION OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE BY THE FORGERY OR ALTERATION OF A PRESCRIPTION.~~

~~(B) INFORMATION COMMUNICATED TO AN AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES OR CONTROLLED PARAPHERNALIA IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION.~~