

CHAPTER 5

(House Bill 498)

AN ACT concerning

Death Penalty – Method of Execution – Lethal Injection

FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which the punishment of death is carried out so as to require the intravenous administration of a lethal quantity of certain substances rather than the administration of lethal gas; providing that the administration of the lethal injection may not be construed to be the practice of medicine; authorizing a pharmacist or pharmaceutical supplier to dispense drugs to the Commissioner of Correction or the Commissioner's designee without a prescription for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act; requiring the Commissioner to take certain steps in connection with an execution by lethal injection; requiring the Commissioner to select a certain number of people to observe the execution; ~~permitting the person who is to be executed to select a certain number of persons to observe the execution~~ allowing certain individuals to be present at the execution; providing for the application of this Act; permitting persons who are sentenced to death prior to the effective date of this Act to elect to be executed by lethal gas under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the manner in which the punishment of death is inflicted.

BY repealing

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 71, 72, and 73
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 71, 72, and 73
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 627
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: