

PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNOR BEFORE ACTING UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

(3) A HEARING UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT A CONTESTED CASE UNDER TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

11.

(A) IF A DOCUMENT PRESENTED FOR NOTARIZATION DOES NOT CONTAIN A NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE REFLECTING THE TAKING OF AN OATH OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT, A NOTARY MAY NEVERTHELESS WITNESS THE SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENT IN THE NOTARY'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) A NOTARY ACTING AS A WITNESS IN THE NOTARY'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

- (1) OBTAIN SATISFACTORY PROOF OF THE ~~IDENTIFY~~ IDENTITY OF THE PERSON SIGNING THE DOCUMENT;
- (2) OBSERVE THE SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENT;
- (3) DATE, SIGN, AND SEAL OR STAMP THE DOCUMENT; AND
- (4) RECORD THE ACT IN THE NOTARY'S FAIR REGISTER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 9, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 22**

**(Senate Bill 120)**

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes - Inhalants - Nitrous Oxide**

FOR the purpose of including nitrous oxide in the list of inhalants and noxious substances that may not be smelled or inhaled; clarifying that the prohibition pertains to any substance or chemical that contains, wholly or in part, certain substances; expanding the prohibition on distributing certain inhalants and noxious substances to minors to apply also to distribution to adults; making this act an emergency measure; and generally relating to inhalants and nitrous oxide.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 301 and 301A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)