

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 343

(Senate Bill 279)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Explosives and Destructive Devices – Revision

FOR the purpose of revising and restating the laws concerning explosives and destructive devices; repealing provisions of law concerning fire bombs and vehicles, dynamiting, fire bombs, destructive explosive devices, and pipe bombs; prohibiting a person from manufacturing, transporting, possessing, controlling, storing, selling, distributing, or using a destructive device; prohibiting a person from possessing certain materials with intent to create a destructive device; providing certain penalties; providing for certain restitution to certain persons under certain circumstances; making a certain misdemeanor offense a felony; altering certain penalties for offenses relating to false statements and devices constructed to represent destructive devices; providing that a murder committed during the course of a violation concerning destructive devices is first degree murder; altering the authority of the State Fire Marshal to make warrantless arrests; authorizing the State Fire Marshal to investigate destructive device offenses and to make arrests for these offenses; prohibiting bail for persons charged with a destructive device offense under certain circumstances; allowing the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications concerning destructive device offenses under certain circumstances; making stylistic, conforming, and substantive changes to provisions that include references to explosives and destructive devices; providing that this Act does not apply to certain persons under certain circumstances; providing that certain Committee Notes and catchlines contained in this Act are not law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to explosives and destructive devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 33, 111B, 151A, 151C, 410, 594B(i), and 616 1/2(c) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 119 and 139A through 139C and the subheading “Explosives”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments