- (4) PROCEDURES FOR FILLING A VACANCY ON A BOARD;
- (5) THE REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS; AND
- (6) PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING IF A PERSON IS A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR.
- (E) WHEN REQUESTED BY A COURT, A BOARD SHALL-DETERMINE IF A PERSON IS A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR UNDER § 792B OF ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE.
- (F) A MEMBER OF A BOARD MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE MEMBER'S SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall conduct public education and awareness programs to inform the public of its ability to obtain information regarding a sexually violent predator under this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Court of Appeals shall adopt rules governing the determination of sexually violent-predators.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to impose a duty on a licensed real estate broker, licensed real estate associate broker, or licensed real estate salesperson to disclose information concerning a sexual offender or sexually violent predator who is required to register under this Act. The identity of or fact that a sexual offender or sexually violent predator who is required to register under this Act resides or works in a community is not a material fact required to be disclosed by a real estate licensee under Title 17 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article.

SECTION-3. <u>5.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively to apply to offenses that are committed after October 1, 1997, and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any individual who commits an offense before October 1, 1997.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 792(b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k), respectively, of Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 792(e), (f), (g), (h), (d), (i), (j), (k), and (l), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (2) "Child sexual offender" means a person who: