

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 394

(House Bill 141)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Crimes of Violence

FOR the purpose of adding certain crimes of violence to the list of crimes for which a person may not be released pretrial under certain circumstances; making certain stylistic revisions; and generally relating to criminal procedure and pretrial release.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 616 1/2(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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Section 643B(a)

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

616 1/2.

(c) Any person charged with an offense hereinafter enumerated committed during the time that person had been released on bail or his own recognizance for committing an offense hereinafter enumerated, is ineligible to give bail or be released on recognizance on the subsequent charge, until all prior charges hereunder have finally been determined by the courts. But a person charged with a subsequent crime hereinafter set forth, may rebut his ineligibility for release on bail before determination of the prior charge. If, after consideration of the matters presented in rebuttal, the court hearing the application for bail is persuaded that the applicant would not pose a danger to any other person or to the community, and would appear at the time set for trial, the court may allow release pending trial on suitable bail and on such other conditions as will reasonably assure that the person charged will not flee. For the purposes of this subsection, court does not mean District Court