

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 500

(House Bill 1189)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances - Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum fine for certain second and subsequent controlled dangerous substances convictions; altering the maximum fine for manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain controlled dangerous substances in certain amounts; and generally relating to the penalties for controlled dangerous substances violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 286

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

286.

(a) Except as authorized by this subheading, it is unlawful for any person:

(1) To manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or to possess a controlled dangerous substance in sufficient quantity to reasonably indicate under all circumstances an intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled dangerous substance;

(2) To create, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute, a counterfeit controlled dangerous substance;

(3) To manufacture, distribute, or possess any punch, die, plate, stone, or any other equipment which is designed to print, imprint, or reproduce the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint, or device of another or any likeness of any of the foregoing upon any drug or container or labeling thereof so as to render the drug a counterfeit controlled dangerous substance;