(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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

293.

- (a) Any person convicted of any offense under this subheading is, if the offense is a second or subsequent offense, punishable by a term of imprisonment twice that otherwise authorized, by twice the fine otherwise authorized, or by both.
- (b) For purposes of this section, an offense shall be considered a second or subsequent offense, if, prior to the conviction of the offense, the offender has at any time been convicted of any offense or offenses under this subheading or under any prior law of this State or any law of the United States or of any other state relating to the other controlled dangerous substances as defined in this subheading.
- (c) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under any law superseded by this subheading shall be eligible for parole, probation, and suspension of sentence in the same manner as those persons convicted under this subheading.
- (D) A SENTENCE ON A SINGLE COUNT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE IMPOSED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER SENTENCES CONTAINED IN THIS SUBHEADING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

## **CHAPTER 265**

(Senate Bill 348)

AN ACT concerning

## Baltimore City and Baltimore County - Property Tax - Neighborhood Stabilization Credits

FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date the applicability of certain credits against certain property taxes and the State income tax for certain property in Baltimore City and Baltimore County; authorizing an additional geographic areas area of Baltimore County and Baltimore City in which the tax credits apply; requiring an individual to apply for the property tax credit within a certain period of time; extending to a certain date the requirement that the State Comptroller, the Mayor of Baltimore City, and the County Executive of Baltimore County file certain reports; providing for the applicability of this Act; and generally relating to credits against certain county property taxes and the State income tax for property tax paid for certain residential real property.