

~~(3) COURT COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, INCLUDING REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR EXPERT TESTIMONY.~~

3-1607.

~~A THIRD PARTY MAY NOT PAY DAMAGES AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, PROVIDE A DEFENSE, OR PROVIDE MONEY FOR A DEFENSE ON BEHALF OF AN INSURED UNDER A CONTRACT OF INSURANCE OR INDEMNIFICATION.~~

A DEFENDANT IN AN ACTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT RAISE A DEFENSE OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE BASED ON THE USE OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE BY THE DECEASED INDIVIDUAL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any civil action for damages for the death of an individual from the use, before the effective date of this Act, of a controlled dangerous substance.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

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## CHAPTER 344

### (House Bill 180)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Crimes - Drug-Induced Conduct**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from administering a controlled dangerous substance or other drug to another without that person's knowledge and ~~with the intent to~~ commit certain crimes against that person; establishing certain penalties; establishing that a sentence imposed under this Act may be imposed separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence for any offense based on the act or acts establishing the violation of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the administration of certain substances to another ~~with intent to commit a~~ person and committing a certain crime.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 277(a) and (m) and 643B(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 287C