the term, as it pertains to a certain crime relating to harboring a fugitive, apply to individuals for whose arrest a valid felony warrant has been issued, whether or not the warrant is issued under State law.

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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

268E.

(d) "Fugitive" means any individual for whose arrest a VALID felony warrant has been issued [under Maryland law].

268F.

- (a) Whoever harbors any fugitive, so as to prevent his discovery and arrest, after notice or knowledge of the fact that a VALID felony warrant has been issued for the apprehension of that fugitive, and after notice that harboring that fugitive is a punishable offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.
- (b) Whoever knowingly harbors a fugitive who is avoiding prosecution, custody, or confinement after conviction of a felony is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.
 - (c) This section does not apply when the warrant is for a traffic offense.

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

Approved May 18, 2000.