

knowingly and willfully manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, bringing into, or transporting in the State a controlled dangerous substance liable in a civil action for damages for the death of an individual proximately caused by the individual's use of controlled dangerous substances the controlled dangerous substance under certain conditions; specifying certain persons entitled to bring an action under this Act; exempting from civil liability law enforcement officers and persons who act at the direction of or in cooperation with law enforcement officers in an official investigation; authorizing persons entitled to bring an action to recover economic damages, noneconomic damages, and court costs and reasonable attorney's fees; prohibiting a third party from paying damages awarded under this Act or providing certain other financial assistance to certain persons; noneconomic damages, and certain other losses sustained by the plaintiff; providing that a defendant may not raise certain defenses in an action under this Act; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the civil liability of dealers of controlled dangerous substances certain persons who are convicted under certain provisions of law of knowingly and willfully manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, bringing into, or transporting in the State a controlled dangerous substance.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-1601 through 3-1607 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 16. Drug Dealer Liability Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 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 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

SUBTITLE 16. DRUG DEALER LIABILITY ACT.

3-1601.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, "CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 27, § 277(F) OF THE CODE.

3-1602.

A PERSON WHO MANUFACTURES, DISTRIBUTES, DISPENSES, OR BRINGS INTO OR TRANSPORTS IN THE STATE A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE IS LIABLE FOR DAMAGES IN A CIVIL ACTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE. A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED, UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 286 OR § 286A OF THE CODE, OF KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTING, DISPENSING, BRINGING INTO, OR TRANSPORTING IN THE STATE A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE IS LIABLE FOR DAMAGES IN A CIVIL ACTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.