

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 167

(Senate Bill 620)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Accessory After the Fact - Benefit of Clergy

FOR the purpose of providing that persons convicted of being an accessory after the fact are guilty of a felony and on conviction are subject to certain penalties under certain circumstances; providing a certain exception; repealing certain provisions of law relating to penalties for certain felonies and benefit of clergy; making stylistic changes; providing that the Committee Notes contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered in a certain manner; and generally relating to penalties for accessory before the fact and benefit of clergy.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 2A to be under the new subheading "Accessory After the Fact"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 626

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 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

ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT

2A.

UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF BEING AN ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT TO A FELONY IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO THE LESSER OF:

(1) IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS; OR

(2) A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY PROVIDED BY LAW FOR COMMITTING THE CRIME.