

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 596

(Senate Bill 379)

AN ACT concerning

Fraud - Telecommunication Service Providers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting use, possession, manufacture, assembly, transfer, distribution, advertising, and related activities relating to certain unlawful telecommunication devices, ~~unlawful access devices, and related plans and materials~~ and access codes and unlawful access devices; providing criminal penalties, damages, injunction, impounding, forfeiture, and other enforcement measures for violations of this Act; authorizing a civil cause of action for certain damages for violations of this Act; providing certain rules of construction ~~and~~ jurisdiction of certain courts, and venue for prosecution of violations of this Act; providing certain exceptions; defining certain terms; repealing certain duplicative provisions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to telecommunication services and unlawful access.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 194A to be under the new subheading "Fraud - Telecommunication Service Providers"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(15)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-302(a) and (d)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing