

**CHAPTER 234**  
**(House Bill 942)**

AN ACT concerning

**Malicious Injury and Maiming – Penalties**

FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for malicious injury, maiming, and certain other acts relating to causing certain injuries to third persons or using certain means to cause injuries to third persons; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 385 and 386

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1990 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**

385.

Every person, his aiders, abettors and counsellors, who shall be convicted of the crime of cutting out or disabling the tongue, putting out an eye, slitting the nose, cutting or biting off the nose, ear or lip, or cutting or biting off or disabling any limb or member of any person, of malice aforethought, with intention in so doing to mark or disfigure such person, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction [thereof be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than ten years] ARE SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 15 YEARS.

386.

If any person shall unlawfully shoot at any person, or shall in any manner unlawfully and maliciously attempt to discharge any kind of loaded arms at any person, or shall unlawfully and maliciously stab, cut or wound any person, or shall assault or beat any person, with intent to maim, disfigure or disable such person, or with intent to prevent the lawful apprehension or detainer of any party for any offense for which the said party may be legally apprehended or detained, every such offender, and every person counselling, aiding or abetting such offender shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction [thereof, be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than eighteen months nor] ARE SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT more than [ten] 15 years.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.