Chapter 648

(Senate Bill 387)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Solicitation to Commit Murder or Arson – Statute of Limitations

FOR the purpose of providing that increasing the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree is the statute of limitations for the prosecution of the substantive crime that is the subject of the solicitation; and generally relating to the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 5–106(ff) Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 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

5 - 106.

(FF) THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE CRIME OF SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE IN VIOLATION OF § 2–201 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE IN VIOLATION OF § 2–204 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, ARSON IN THE FIRST DEGREE IN VIOLATION OF § 6–102 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR ARSON IN THE SECOND DEGREE IN VIOLATION OF § 6–103 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE IS THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE CRIME THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE SOLICITATION 3 YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.