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By: **Delegates Genn, Bissett, and Comeau**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Robbery and Robbery With a Deadly Weapon - Maximum Sentence**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum penalties for robbery and robbery with  
4 a deadly weapon; providing for the application of this Act; and making certain  
5 stylistic changes.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
8 Section 486 and 488  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 486.

15 [Every] A person convicted of the crime of robbery or attempt to rob, or as  
16 accessory thereto before the fact, is guilty of a felony, shall restore the thing robbed or  
17 taken to the owner, or shall pay to [him] THE OWNER the full value thereof, and [be  
18 sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 15 years] IS SUBJECT TO  
19 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 20 YEARS.

20 488.

21 [Every] A person convicted of the crime of robbery or attempt to rob with a  
22 dangerous or deadly weapon or accessory thereto is guilty of a felony, shall restore to  
23 the owner thereof the thing robbed or taken, or shall pay [him] THE OWNER the full  
24 value thereof, and [be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years] IS  
25 SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 25 YEARS.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act  
27 shall be construed prospectively to apply only to convictions that arise out of offenses  
28 that were committed after October 1, 1998 and may not be applied or interpreted to

1 have any effect on or application to convictions that arise out of offenses that were  
2 committed before October 1, 1998.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1998.