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By: **Delegates Hutchins, O'Donnell, Wood, and Owings**
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Enhanced Sentences - Controlled Dangerous**
3 **Substances**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing certain enhanced sentences for second or subsequent
5 controlled dangerous substance offenses to be imposed in conjunction with other
6 sentences for controlled dangerous substance offenses; and generally relating to
7 the imposition of enhanced sentences for second or subsequent controlled
8 dangerous substance offenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
11 Section 293
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

17 293.

18 (a) Any person convicted of any offense under this subheading is, if the offense
19 is a second or subsequent offense, punishable by a term of imprisonment twice that
20 otherwise authorized, by twice the fine otherwise authorized, or by both.

21 (b) For purposes of this section, an offense shall be considered a second or
22 subsequent offense, if, prior to the conviction of the offense, the offender has at any
23 time been convicted of any offense or offenses under this subheading or under any
24 prior law of this State or any law of the United States or of any other state relating to
25 the other controlled dangerous substances as defined in this subheading.

26 (c) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under any law
27 superseded by this subheading shall be eligible for parole, probation, and suspension
28 of sentence in the same manner as those persons convicted under this subheading.

1 (D) A SENTENCE ON A SINGLE COUNT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE IMPOSED
2 IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER SENTENCES CONTAINED IN THIS SUBHEADING.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2000.