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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Death Penalty - Moratorium**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual who has been sentenced to death from  
4 being executed during a certain time period; prohibiting a judge from issuing a  
5 warrant of execution during a certain time period; providing that if a judge has  
6 issued a certain warrant of execution that has not been executed before a certain  
7 time period the warrant is ~~void~~ suspended until a certain date and the  
8 individual may not be executed before a certain ~~time period date~~; providing for  
9 the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the death penalty.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - Correctional Services  
12 Section 3-901  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1999 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

15 Preamble

16 WHEREAS, A two-year research study of the administration of the death  
17 penalty being conducted by the Department of Criminology of the University of  
18 Maryland, College Park, to be completed by June 30, 2002, is authorized in the State  
19 budget for fiscal year 2001; and

20 WHEREAS, The purpose of this study is not simply to examine whether there is  
21 bias in the process or even the appearance of bias, whether based on race, ethnicity,  
22 economic status, or any other reason, but rather to identify any problems and to  
23 recommend solutions; and



1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
2 Section 2 of this Act, this Act may not be construed to affect in any other way the laws  
3 concerning the death penalty, including the procedures and time frames for  
4 notifications, determinations, and judicial review of death penalty decisions.

5 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 2001.