

criminal law. The committee is composed of legislators, judges, lawyers representing both defendants and the State, and a victims' rights representative. In past sessions the committee has successfully sponsored legislation to revise the laws on accessory before the fact, arson, assault, burglary, destructive devices, disorderly conduct, escape, Medicaid fraud, robbery, trespass, and victims' rights.

The Criminal Law Code Revision Committee recommended that the Article 27 Committee examine the sabotage laws. The Criminal Law Code Revision Committee is currently engaged in the nonsubstantive revision of the State's criminal laws. In revising the current laws, the Criminal Law Code Revision Committee questioned the need for the various sabotage offenses, given duplicative and possibly preemptively similar provisions in federal law. During the 2000 interim, the Article 27 Committee considered this matter. The committee recommended that various provisions of the sabotage laws were more appropriately addressed in other areas of existing law (for example, trespassing on posted property, warrantless arrests, and emergency highway restrictions). The committee also recommended leaving the issue as to the relevance or necessity of keeping the sabotage provisions in State statute to the General Assembly. This bill is the result of the committee's deliberations on the issue.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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