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Revisions to the Guidelines Offense Table (Effective October 23, 2006)

The Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) has revised the Guidelines Offense Table to reflect: (1) changes to the seriousness categories for select offenses, (2) new offenses passed by the General Assembly, and (3) minor edits, including updated CJIS codes. These changes were submitted to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and were adopted **effective October 23, 2006**. A print friendly version of the updated Guidelines Offense Table (Appendix A of the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual) is available on the MSCCSP website at: www.msccsp.org/guidelines/offensetable.pdf

Seriousness Category Changes

In an effort to support uniformity in sentencing and maintain consistency among classified offenses, the MSCCSP identified two offenses that were not currently assigned a seriousness category consistent with those for “similar” offenses with “like” maximum penalties. Accordingly, the MSCCSP adopted changes to the seriousness categories for the following offenses:

- CR, §9-101(a) – Perjury – seriousness category was **changed** from **V** to **IV**.
- CR, §9-101(c) – Affirmation of two contradictory statements – seriousness category was **changed** from **V** to **IV**.

New Offenses

The following new offenses and their respective adopted seriousness categories were added to the Guidelines Offense Table in response to legislation passed by the General Assembly:

- CR, §7-304(D)(2) – Obtaining, selling, etc., telephone record without authorization (House Bill 1301), **VII**.
- EN, §1-302 – Falsifying permits, licenses, etc., to demonstrate compliance with environmental regulatory requirements (Senate Bill 125), **VII**.

New Offenses (cont.)

- HG, §19-1808(2)(I) – Operation of an assisted living program without a license, 1st offense (House Bill 1036), **VII**.
- HG, §19-1808(2)(II) – Operation of an assisted living program without a license, subsequent offense (House Bill 1036), **VI**.
- HO, §14-5C-23(A) – Practicing as a Polysomnographic Technologist without authorization, etc. (House Bill 957), **VII**.
- NR, §10-426(C) – Hunting via an internet connection (Senate Bill 521), **VII**.
- TR, §21-1126; TR, §27-101(z) – Commit or engage another to commit a violation of motor vehicle law for the purpose of making recordings of activity without permission (House Bill 616), **VII**.
- TR, §27-101(y) – Driving without having been issued a license, subsequent offense (House Bill 524), **VII**.
- 83A, §5-2B-12 – Conducting or attempting to conduct human cloning, etc., 1st offense (Senate Bill 144), **V**.
- 83A, §5-2B-13 – Conducting or attempting to conduct human cloning, etc., subsequent offense (Senate Bill 144), **IV**.