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Revisions to the Guidelines Offense Table (Effective July 1, 2008)

The Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) has revised the Guidelines Offense Table to reflect:

- (1) two new offenses passed during the 2007 Legislative Session;
- (2) the addition of *A*, *B*, and *C* to the Seriousness Category column for category III drug offenses (i.e., *IIIA*, *IIIB*, *IIIC*);
- (3) the use of *MM** in the Minimum Term column to designate those offenses with non-suspendable mandatory minimums; and
- (4) minor edits, including updated CJIS codes.

These changes were submitted to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and were adopted **effective July 1, 2008**. They are summarized briefly below. 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. Please discard any prior versions of the Guidelines Offense Table, as information contained within may no longer be accurate.

New Offenses

The two new offenses listed below and their respective adopted seriousness categories were added to the Guidelines Offense Table in response to legislation passed by the General Assembly. All other new offenses from the 2007 Legislative Session were added to the Guidelines Offense Table effective January 1, 2008.

- TR, §20-110(e)(1) – Fraudulently obtaining motor vehicle accident report (House Bill 1409), **V**.
- TR, §20-110(e)(2) – Improper disclosure of motor vehicle accident report by law enforcement agent (House Bill 1409), **V**.

Seriousness Category III Drug Offenses

The seriousness category for all category III drug offenses is now clearly designated as *IIIA*, *IIIB*, or *IIIC* in the Guidelines Offense Table.

Offenses with Non-suspendable Mandatory Minimums

*MM** in the Minimum Term column of the Guidelines Offense Table identifies those offenses with a non-suspendable mandatory minimum. Note that if the guidelines range is below the non-suspendable mandatory minimum, that minimum is the lower limit of the guidelines range for the offense.