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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be, and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 15 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Miscellaneous", the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to be a new section known as Section 11, and to follow immediately after Section 10 of said Article and to read as follows:

11. No person who is a member of an organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the State of Maryland through force or violence shall be eligible to hold any office, be it elective or appointive, or any other position of profit or trust in the Government of or in the administration of the business of this State or of any county, municipality or other political subdivision of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, shall, at the election to be held in November, 1948, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For Constitutional Amendment" and "Against Constitution Amendment", as now provided by law, and immediately after said election, due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment as directed by Article 14 of the Constitution and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.

Approved April 25, 1947.

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CHAPTER 722.

(House Bill 323)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 763 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "De-