

HOUSE BILL 1327

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: March 4, 2011

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Salvia Divinorum – Distribution to Individual Under 21 Years**
3 **of Age – Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for a conviction for the crime of distributing
5 Salvia divinorum to a person under the age of 21 years; and generally relating
6 to the crime of distributing Salvia divinorum to a person under the age of 21
7 years.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Law
10 Section 10–131
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 10–131.

17 (a) A person may not distribute Salvia divinorum to an individual under the
18 age of 21 years.

19 (b) In a prosecution for a violation of this section, it is a defense that the
20 defendant examined the purchaser's or recipient's driver's license or other valid
21 identification issued by an employer, a government unit, or an institution of higher
22 education that positively identified the purchaser or recipient as at least 21 years of
23 age.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
2 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding:

3 (1) ~~[\$300]~~ **\$1,000** for a first violation;

4 (2) ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$2,000** for a second violation occurring within 2 years
5 after the first violation; and

6 (3) ~~[\$3,000]~~ **\$6,000** for each subsequent violation occurring within 2
7 years after the preceding violation.

8 (d) For purposes of this section, each separate incident at a different time
9 and occasion is a separate violation.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2011.