

# HOUSE BILL 1293

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By: **Delegate Dumais**

Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2012

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Child Kidnapping and Prostitution – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of reclassifying as a felony a certain offense relating to child kidnapping  
4 and prostitution involving a child under a certain age; altering the penalty for a  
5 certain provision of law relating to child kidnapping and prostitution involving an  
6 individual under a certain age; and generally relating to child kidnapping and  
7 prostitution.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Law  
10 Section 11–305  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Volume and 2011 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 11–305.

17 (a) For purposes of prostitution or committing a crime under Title 3, Subtitle  
18 3 of this article, a person may not:

19 (1) persuade or entice or aid in the persuasion or enticement of an  
20 individual under the age of 16 years from the individual's home or from the custody of  
21 the individual's parent or guardian; or

22 (2) knowingly secrete or harbor or aid in the secreting or harboring of  
23 an individual under the age of 16 years who has been persuaded or enticed in the  
24 manner described in item (1) of this subsection.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (b)    A person who violates this section is guilty of a [misdemeanor] **FELONY**  
2 and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [10] **20** years or a fine not  
3 exceeding \$5,000 or both.

4           (c)    A person who violates this section is subject to § 5–106(b) of the Courts  
5 Article.

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2012.