

SENATE BILL 865

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By: **Senators Lee, Madaleno, and Manno**
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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Solicitation for Prostitution – Fine**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty to which a person is subject on conviction of
4 procuring or soliciting or offering to procure or solicit for prostitution or assignation;
5 altering the penalty to which a person is subject on conviction of engaging in
6 prostitution or assignation; requiring certain fines to be remitted to the Governor’s
7 Office of Crime Control and Prevention; providing that the Governor’s Office of
8 Crime Control and Prevention may use certain money received only for the purpose
9 of funding services for victims of human trafficking; and generally relating to
10 solicitation.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Criminal Law
13 Section 11–306
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
18 Section 7–302(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
22 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
23 Section 7–302(g)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

26 BY adding to
27 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 7-302(h)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Criminal Law**

7 11-306.

8 (a) A person may not knowingly:

9 (1) [engage in prostitution or assignation by any means;

10 (2)] keep, set up, occupy, maintain, or operate a building, structure, or
11 conveyance for prostitution or assignation;

12 [(3)] (2) allow a building, structure, or conveyance owned or under the
13 person's control to be used for prostitution or assignation; **OR**

14 [(4)] (3) allow or agree to allow a person into a building, structure, or
15 conveyance for prostitution or assignation[; or

16 (5) procure or solicit or offer to procure or solicit for prostitution or
17 assignation].

18 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY PROCURE OR SOLICIT OR OFFER TO**
19 **PROCURE OR SOLICIT FOR PROSTITUTION OR ASSIGNATION.**

20 **(C) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION OR**
21 **ASSIGNATION BY ANY MEANS.**

22 [(b)] **(D) (1)** A person who violates **SUBSECTION (A) OF** this section is guilty
23 of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a
24 fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

25 **(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS**
26 **GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT**
27 **NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.**

28 **(3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IS**
29 **GUILTY OF MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT**
30 **EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR BOTH.**

