A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Criminal Law – Sodomy and Unnatural or Perverted Sexual Practice – Repeal

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the crimes of sodomy and unnatural or perverted sexual practice; and generally relating to sexual crimes.

4 BY repealing

5 Article – Criminal Law

6 Section 3–321 and 3–322

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

10 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 Article – Criminal Law


13 A person who is convicted of sodomy is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years.]

14 [3–322.

15 (a) A person may not:

16 (1) take the sexual organ of another or of an animal in the person’s mouth;

17 (2) place the person’s sexual organ in the mouth of another or of an animal; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(3) commit another unnatural or perverted sexual practice with another or with an animal.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding $1,000 or both.

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

(d) An indictment for a violation of this section:

(1) is sufficient if it states that the defendant committed an unnatural and perverted sexual practice with a person or animal as applicable; but

(2) need not state the particular:

(i) unnatural or perverted sexual practice with which the defendant is charged; or

(ii) manner in which the defendant committed the unnatural or perverted sexual practice.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.