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**By: Delegate T. Murphy**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prostitution - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for prostitution; and generally relating to  
4 prostitution.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
7 Section 17  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

12 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

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14 Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of § 15 shall be subject to a  
15 fine of not more than \$500.00 or to confinement in or commitment to any penal or  
16 reformatory institution in this State for not more than [one year] 90 DAYS, or to both  
17 such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court; provided, that the sentence or  
18 any part thereof may be suspended and provided that the defendant may be placed on  
19 parole or probation.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 1996.