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CHAPTER _____

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 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 4-302(e)(2)(i)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

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19 Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of § 15 shall be subject to a
20 fine of not more than \$500.00 or to confinement in or commitment to any penal or
21 reformatory institution in this State for not more than [one year] 90 DAYS, or to both
22 such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court; provided, that the sentence or

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1 any part thereof may be suspended and provided that the defendant may be placed on
2 parole or probation.

3 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 4-302.

5 (e) (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, unless
6 the penalty for the offense with which the defendant is charged permits imprisonment for
7 a period in excess of 90 days, a defendant is not entitled to a jury trial in a criminal case.

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