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**By: Senator Pica**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Minors - Unlawful Contact or Communication With**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally contacting or communicating  
4 with a minor for certain purposes; defining a certain term; establishing certain  
5 penalties; and generally relating to unlawful contact or communication with a  
6 minor.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

9 Section 405B to be under the new subheading "Minors - Unlawful Contact or  
10 Communication With"

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 MINORS - UNLAWFUL CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH

17 405B.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CONTACT OR COMMUNICATE WITH" INCLUDES  
19 ENGAGING IN CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION:

20 (1) IN PERSON OR THROUGH AN AGENT; OR

21 (2) THROUGH THE USE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEDIA:

22 (I) NEWSPAPER, NEWSLETTER, OR OTHER PRINT MEDIUM;

23 (II) POSTAL SERVICE OR OTHER COMMON CARRIER OR  
24 MESSENGER SERVICE;

25 (III) TELEPHONE, WIRE, FACSIMILE, OR OTHER  
26 TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE; OR

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1 (IV) RADIO, TELEVISION, COMPUTER, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC  
2 DEVICE.

3 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY CONTACT OR COMMUNICATE WITH  
4 A MINOR, WITH KNOWLEDGE OR REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PERSON IS A  
5 MINOR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTING A CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST OR WITH  
6 THE MINOR.

7 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON  
8 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$25,000 OR A TERM OF  
9 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS OR BOTH.

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