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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Controlled Dangerous Substances - Minors - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum penalty for a person convicted of using a  
4 minor to commit certain controlled dangerous substance offenses; and generally  
5 relating to the penalties for using a minor to commit certain controlled dangerous  
6 substance offenses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 286C  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 286C.

16 (a) A person may not hire, solicit, engage, or use a minor, in any manner, for the  
17 purpose of manufacturing, distributing, or delivering, on behalf of that person, any  
18 controlled dangerous substance in sufficient quantity to reasonably indicate under all the  
19 circumstances an intent to distribute, unless the manufacturing, delivery, or distribution  
20 has a lawful purpose.

21 (b) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction,  
22 shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 20 years, or fined up to [\$20,000] \$50,000,  
23 or both.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 1997.