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Assigned to: Judiciary

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
6 dangerous 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 and 1997 Supplement)

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
17 the purpose of manufacturing, distributing, or delivering, on behalf of that person,
18 any controlled dangerous substance in sufficient quantity to reasonably indicate
19 under all the circumstances an intent to distribute, unless the manufacturing,
20 delivery, or distribution has a lawful purpose.

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 1998.

