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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Controlled Dangerous Substances - Use of Minors - Life Without Parole**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a mandatory sentence of life without the possibility
4 of parole for a person convicted of using a minor to commit certain controlled
5 dangerous substance offenses; making a certain stylistic change; and generally
6 relating to the penalties for using a minor to commit certain controlled
7 dangerous substance offenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 286C
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 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 286C.

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

22 (b) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and[, upon] ON
23 conviction[, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 20 years, or fined up to
24 \$20,000, or both] SHALL BE SENTENCED TO A TERM OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT
25 WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.

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