

HOUSE BILL 324

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By: **Delegates Petzold, Barve, Barkley, Carlson, Cryor, Dembrow, Giannetti,  
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Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2000

Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Harboring a Fugitive**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the definition of "fugitive" for the purpose of making  
4 the term, as it pertains to a certain crime relating to harboring a fugitive, apply  
5 to individuals for whose arrest a valid felony warrant has been issued, whether  
6 or not the warrant is issued under State law.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 268E(d) and 268F  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 268E.

16 (d) "Fugitive" means any individual for whose arrest a VALID felony warrant  
17 has been issued [under Maryland law].

18 268F.

19 (a) Whoever harbors any fugitive, so as to prevent his discovery and arrest,  
20 after notice or knowledge of the fact that a VALID felony warrant has been issued for  
21 the apprehension of that fugitive, and after notice that harboring that fugitive is a  
22 punishable offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than  
23 \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

24 (b) Whoever knowingly harbors a fugitive who is avoiding prosecution,  
25 custody, or confinement after conviction of a felony is guilty of a misdemeanor and  
26 shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

1 (c) This section does not apply when the warrant is for a traffic offense.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
3 October 1, 2000.