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By: **Delegates Montague and Branch**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drug-Related Offenses - Course of Conduct**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from engaging in a course of conduct with  
4 the purpose of committing certain drug-related offenses; establishing a certain  
5 penalty; defining a certain term; and generally relating to engaging in a course  
6 of conduct with the purpose of committing drug-related offenses.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 287C  
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 287C.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COURSE OF CONDUCT" MEANS A PERSISTENT PATTERN  
17 OF CONDUCT, COMPOSED OF A SERIES OF ACTS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THAT  
18 EVIDENCES A CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE.

19 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN A COURSE OF CONDUCT WITH THE  
20 PURPOSE OF VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 286 THROUGH 290 OF THIS  
21 ARTICLE.

22 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
23 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30  
24 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

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