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By: **Delegate Amedori**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Heroin - Unlawful Distribution**

3 FOR the purpose of making it unlawful for certain persons to willfully and knowingly  
4 distribute to certain persons any material, compound, mixture, preparation, or  
5 substance that contains any detectable amount of heroin, or enter into a  
6 common scheme or design to distribute to certain persons a material, compound,  
7 mixture, preparation, or substance that contains any detectable amount of  
8 heroin; establishing mandatory criminal penalties for a violation of this Act; and  
9 generally relating to the unlawful distribution of heroin.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
12 Section 286(h)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

18 286.

19 (H) (1) A PERSON AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT WILLFULLY AND  
20 KNOWINGLY:

21 (I) DISTRIBUTE TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ANY  
22 MATERIAL, COMPOUND, MIXTURE, PREPARATION, OR SUBSTANCE THAT CONTAINS  
23 ANY DETECTABLE AMOUNT OF HEROIN; OR

24 (II) ENTER INTO A COMMON SCHEME OR DESIGN TO DISTRIBUTE  
25 TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ANY MATERIAL, COMPOUND, MIXTURE,  
26 PREPARATION, OR SUBSTANCE THAT CONTAINS ANY DETECTABLE AMOUNT OF  
27 HEROIN.

1                   (2)     (I)     A PERSON CONVICTED OF VIOLATING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
2 SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

3                                   1.       FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, IMPRISONMENT FOR 5 YEARS; AND

4                                   2.       FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, IMPRISONMENT FOR 20  
5 YEARS WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.

6                                   (II)     IT IS MANDATORY ON THE COURT TO IMPOSE THE SENTENCE  
7 PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NO PART OF WHICH MAY BE  
8 SUSPENDED.

9                                   (III)     A PERSON SENTENCED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS  
10 PARAGRAPH IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4-305 OF THE  
11 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE.

12                                  (IV)     A PERSON CONVICTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT ELIGIBLE  
13 FOR PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT UNDER § 6-220 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE  
14 ARTICLE.

15     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2001.