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By: **Delegate Burns**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Third Degree Sexual Offense - Prior Conviction - Mandatory Minimum**  
3 **Penalty**

4 FOR the purpose of imposing a certain mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on  
5 a person who is convicted of a third degree sexual offense involving a minor  
6 when the person has previously been convicted of a certain crime involving a  
7 minor; providing that the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment may not  
8 be suspended; and generally relating to a mandatory minimum penalty for a  
9 third degree sexual offense.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Criminal Law  
12 Section 3-307  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B.11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

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

17 **Article - Criminal Law**

18 3-307.

19 (a) A person may not:

20 (1) (i) engage in sexual contact with another without the consent of  
21 the other; and

22 (ii) 1. employ or display a dangerous weapon, or a physical object  
23 that the victim reasonably believes is a dangerous weapon;

24 2. suffocate, strangle, disfigure, or inflict serious physical  
25 injury on the victim or another in the course of committing the crime;

