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By: **Delegates Zirkin and O'Donnell**Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2003
Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 4	AN ACT	concerning	
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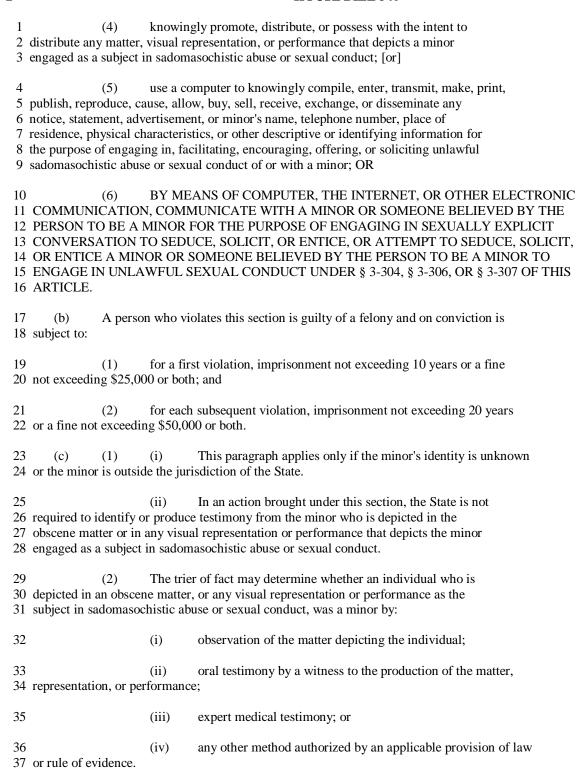
## 2 Crimes - Child Pornography - Electronic Communication with Minor

- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the crime of using a computer, the Internet, or other
- 4 electronic communication to communicate in a certain manner with a minor or
- 5 someone believed to be a minor for the purpose of engaging in certain unlawful
- 6 sexual conduct; establishing certain penalties for the crime; providing for the
- 7 jurisdiction for prosecution of the crime; and generally relating to computers
- 8 and crimes against minors.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Criminal Law
- 11 Section 11-207
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2002 Volume)
- 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## 16 Article - Criminal Law

- 17 11-207.
- 18 (a) A person may not:
- 19 (1) cause, induce, solicit, or knowingly allow a minor to engage as a
- 20 subject in the production of obscene matter or a visual representation or performance
- 21 that depicts a minor engaged as a subject in sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct;
- 22 (2) photograph or film a minor engaging in an obscene act,
- 23 sadomasochistic abuse, or sexual conduct:
- 24 (3) use a computer to depict or describe a minor engaging in an obscene
- 25 act, sadomasochistic abuse, or sexual conduct;

## **HOUSE BILL 540**



- 1 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A)(6) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE
- 2 PROSECUTED, INDICTED, TRIED, AND CONVICTED IN ANY COUNTY IN OR THROUGH
- 3 WHICH THE COMMUNICATION ORIGINATED OR TERMINATED OR IN THE COUNTY
- 4 WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL TRAVELED AS A RESULT OF THE COMMUNICATION TO
- 5 FURTHER THE CRIME.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 7 October 1, 2003.