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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Corporations - Regulation of Nudity and Sexual Displays**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the legislative body of ~~every~~ each municipal  
4 corporation to adopt an ordinance for the licensing, control, location, or  
5 maintenance within its jurisdiction of a business establishment that allows on  
6 its premises certain activities involving nudity and sexual displays; providing a  
7 certain penalty; and generally relating to the regulation by municipal  
8 corporations of activities involving nudity and sexual displays.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal  
11 Section 4A  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal**

17 4A.

18 (A) THE LEGISLATIVE BODY ~~OF A~~ OF EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY  
19 ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LICENSING, CONTROL, LOCATION, OR  
20 MAINTENANCE WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION OF A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT THAT

1 ALLOWS ON ITS PREMISES ANY ACTIVITY INVOLVING NUDITY AND SEXUAL DISPLAYS  
2 LISTED IN ARTICLE 2B, § 10-405(C) THROUGH (F) OF THE CODE.

3 (B) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS  
4 SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO  
5 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS AND A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$25  
6 LESS THAN \$500.

7 (2) EACH DAY ON WHICH A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE  
8 OFFENSE.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 July 1, 2005.