SENATE BILL 793

By: **Senators Mooney, Edwards, and Munson**
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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Crimes – Abduction of Children – Public Places**

3   FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from persuading or enticing, or aiding in
4   persuading or enticing, a person under a certain age from a public place for
5   purposes of prostitution or certain sex–related crimes; prohibiting a person from
6   secreting or harboring or aiding in secreting or harboring a person under a
7   certain age taken from a public place in a certain manner; and generally
8   relating to abducting children.

9   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10   Article – Criminal Law
11   Section 11–305
12   Annotated Code of Maryland
13   (2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

17   11–305.

18   (a)   For purposes of prostitution or committing a crime under Title 3, Subtitle
19   3 of this article, a person may not:

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   (1)   persuade or entice or aid in the persuasion or enticement of an
2   individual under the age of 16 years from the individual's home **[**or**],** from the custody
3   of the individual's parent or guardian**, OR FROM A PUBLIC PLACE**; or

4   (2)   knowingly secrete or harbor or aid in the secreting or harboring of
5   an individual under the age of 16 years who has been persuaded or enticed in the
6   manner described in item (1) of this subsection.

7   (b)   A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
8   conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding
9     $5,000 or both.

10   (c)   A person who violates this section is subject to § 5–106(b) of the Courts
11   Article.

12   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13   October 1, 2007.