

# HOUSE BILL 1283

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Sexual Crimes – Definitions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “sexual act” to include an act in which a  
4 part of an individual’s body is used to penetrate certain body parts of another  
5 individual; altering the definition of “sexual contact”; and generally relating to  
6 definitions relating to sexual crimes.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Law  
9 Section 3–301(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Criminal Law  
14 Section 3–301(e) and (f)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2002 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Criminal Law**

20 3–301.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (e) (1) "Sexual act" means any of the following acts, regardless of whether  
2 semen is emitted:

3 (i) analingus;

4 (ii) cunnilingus;

5 (iii) fellatio;

6 (iv) anal intercourse, including penetration, however slight, of  
7 the anus; or

8 (v) an act:

9 1. in which an object **OR PART OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S**  
10 **BODY** penetrates, however slightly, into another individual's genital opening or anus;  
11 and

12 2. that can reasonably be construed to be for sexual  
13 arousal or gratification, or for the abuse of either party.

14 (2) "Sexual act" does not include:

15 (i) vaginal intercourse; or

16 (ii) an act in which an object **OR PART OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S**  
17 **BODY** penetrates an individual's genital opening or anus for an accepted medical  
18 purpose.

19 (f) (1) "Sexual contact", as used in §§ 3-307, 3-308, and 3-314 of this  
20 subtitle, means an intentional touching of the victim's or actor's genital, anal, or other  
21 intimate area for sexual arousal or gratification, or for the abuse of either party.

22 (2) ["Sexual contact" includes an act:

23 (i) in which a part of an individual's body, except the penis,  
24 mouth, or tongue, penetrates, however slightly, into another individual's genital  
25 opening or anus; and

26 (ii) that can reasonably be construed to be for sexual arousal or  
27 gratification, or for the abuse of either party.

28 (3)] "Sexual contact" does not include:

29 (i) a common expression of familial or friendly affection; or

30 (ii) an act for an accepted medical purpose.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2009.