

# HOUSE BILL 1211

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Gang Activity – Gang Solicitation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from soliciting, inviting, recruiting,  
4 encouraging, or otherwise causing or attempting to cause an individual to  
5 participate in a criminal gang; applying certain penalties; and generally  
6 relating to criminal gangs.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Law  
9 Section 9–802  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 9–802.

16 (a) A person may not:

17 **(1)** threaten an individual, or a friend or family member of an  
18 individual, with physical violence with the intent to coerce, induce, or solicit the  
19 individual to participate in or prevent the individual from leaving a criminal gang; **OR**

20 **(2) SOLICIT, INVITE, RECRUIT, ENCOURAGE, OR OTHERWISE**  
21 **CAUSE OR ATTEMPT TO CAUSE AN INDIVIDUAL TO PARTICIPATE IN A CRIMINAL**  
22 **GANG.**

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



1           (b)    A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on  
2 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding  
3 \$1,000 or both.

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2010.