

HOUSE BILL 336

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By: **Chair, Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Coercion to Provide Sexually Explicit Images – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally extorting, threatening,
4 coercing, or intimidating an individual, orally or in writing, into providing to the
5 person a sexually explicit or nude photograph, video footage, or other visual
6 representation of the individual; providing penalties for a violation of this Act;
7 and generally relating to extortion and intimidation.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Law

10 Section 3–709

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 **3–709.**

17 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY EXTORT, THREATEN, COERCE,**
18 **OR INTIMIDATE AN INDIVIDUAL, ORALLY OR IN WRITING, INTO PROVIDING TO**
19 **THE PERSON A SEXUALLY EXPLICIT OR NUDE PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO FOOTAGE,**
20 **OR OTHER VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL.**

21 **(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY**
22 **AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS**
23 **OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2014.