

HOUSE BILL 701

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CF SB 454

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Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Child Kidnapping and Prostitution – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of reclassifying as a felony a certain offense relating to child kidnapping
4 and prostitution involving a child under a certain age; altering the penalty for a
5 certain provision of law relating to child kidnapping and prostitution involving an
6 individual under a certain age; and generally relating to child kidnapping and
7 prostitution.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Law
10 Section 11–305
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 11–305.

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

19 (1) persuade or entice or aid in the persuasion or enticement of an
20 individual under the age of 16 years from the individual's home or from the custody of
21 the individual's parent or guardian; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a [~~misdemeanor~~] **FELONY**
5 and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [10] **30** years or a fine not
6 exceeding \$5,000 or both.

7 (c) A person who violates this section is subject to § 5-106(b) of the Courts
8 Article.

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