

HOUSE BILL 481

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Assigned to: Judiciary

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Sale of a Minor – Felony**

3 FOR the purpose of reclassifying, as a felony instead of a misdemeanor, the crime of selling,
4 bartering, trading, or offering to sell, barter, or trade a minor for money, property,
5 or anything else of value; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the
6 crime of selling a minor.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 3–603

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Criminal Law**

6 3–603.

7 (a) A person may not sell, barter, or trade, or offer to sell, barter, or trade, a minor
8 for money, property, or anything else of value.

9 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a [misdemeanor] **FELONY** and
10 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding
11 \$10,000 or both for each violation.

12 [(c) A person who violates this section is subject to § 5–106(b) of the Courts
13 Article.]

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.