

Chapter 365

(House Bill 481)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Sale of a Minor – Felony

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

3–603.

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.