

SENATE BILL 43

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary* —

Introduced by **Senators Elfreth and Hettleman**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Sexual Activity**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual
4 acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a certain person who is a victim,
5 witness, or suspect under certain circumstances or with a certain person requesting
6 assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer under certain
7 circumstances; establishing a certain exception to the prohibition; and generally
8 relating to law enforcement officers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Criminal Law
11 Section 3–314
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Criminal Law**

4 3–314.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) (i) “Correctional employee” means a:

7 1. correctional officer, as defined in § 8–201 of the
8 Correctional Services Article; or

9 2. managing official or deputy managing official of a
10 correctional facility.

11 (ii) “Correctional employee” includes a sheriff, warden, or other
12 official who is appointed or employed to supervise a correctional facility.

13 (3) “Court–ordered services provider” means a person who provides
14 services to an individual who has been ordered by the court, the Division of Parole and
15 Probation, or the Department of Juvenile Services to obtain those services.

16 (4) (i) “Inmate” has the meaning stated in § 1–101 of this article.

17 (ii) “Inmate” includes an individual confined in a community adult
18 rehabilitation center.

19 (5) “Law enforcement officer” has the meaning stated in § 3–101 of the
20 Public Safety Article.

21 (b) (1) This subsection applies to:

22 (i) a correctional employee;

23 (ii) any other employee of the Department of Public Safety and
24 Correctional Services or a correctional facility;

25 (iii) an employee of a contractor providing goods or services to the
26 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or a correctional facility; and

27 (iv) any other individual working in a correctional facility, whether
28 on a paid or volunteer basis.

29 (2) A person described in paragraph (1) of this subsection may not engage
30 in sexual contact, vaginal intercourse, or a sexual act with an inmate.

1 (c) A person may not engage in sexual contact, vaginal intercourse, or a sexual
 2 act with an individual confined in a child care institution licensed by the Department of
 3 Juvenile Services, a detention center for juveniles, or a facility for juveniles listed in §
 4 9-226(b) of the Human Services Article.

5 (d) A court-ordered services provider may not engage in sexual contact, vaginal
 6 intercourse, or a sexual act with an individual ordered to obtain services while the order is
 7 in effect.

8 (e) (1) [A] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
 9 **SUBSECTION, A law enforcement officer may not engage in sexual contact, vaginal**
 10 **intercourse, or a sexual act with [a person [in the custody of the law enforcement officer]:**

11 **(I) WHO IS A VICTIM, WITNESS, OR SUSPECT IN AN OPEN**
 12 **INVESTIGATION ~~DURING THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION~~ THAT THE LAW**
 13 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS CONDUCTING, SUPERVISING, OR ASSISTING WITH IF THE**
 14 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE PERSON IS**
 15 **A VICTIM, WITNESS, OR SUSPECT IN THE INVESTIGATION;**

16 **(II) ~~A PERSON~~ REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM OR RESPONDING**
 17 **TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE COURSE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT**
 18 **OFFICER'S OFFICIAL DUTIES; OR**

19 **(III) ~~A PERSON~~ IN THE CUSTODY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT**
 20 **OFFICER.**

21 **(2) PARAGRAPH (1)(I) AND (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT**
 22 **APPLY IF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

23 **(I) HAD A PRIOR EXISTING LEGAL SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH**
 24 **THE PERSON; AND**

25 **(II) DID NOT ACT UNDER THE COLOR OR PRETENSE OF OFFICE**
 26 **OR UNDER COLOR OF OFFICIAL RIGHT WHEN SEEKING CONSENT TO THE VAGINAL**
 27 **INTERCOURSE, SEXUAL ACT, OR SEXUAL CONTACT, ~~UNLESS AN INTERIM,~~**
 28 **~~TEMPORARY, OR FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER BETWEEN THE PARTIES IS IN EFFECT~~**
 29 **~~AT THE TIME OF THE SEXUAL CONTACT, VAGINAL INTERCOURSE, OR SEXUAL ACT.~~**

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

32 (g) A sentence imposed for a violation of this section may be separate from and
 33 consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence for another crime under § 3-303, § 3-304, or

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1 §§ 3–307 through 3–310 of this subtitle, or § 3–305, § 3–306, § 3–311, or § 3–312 of this
2 subtitle as the sections existed before October 1, 2017.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.