HOUSE BILL 1282

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By: **Delegate Tomlinson** Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025 Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Criminal Law – Uploading Criminal Activity on Social Media Application – 3 Prohibition 4 (MaKenzi's Law)

- 5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from uploading a video depicting a crime under 6 the laws of the State or federal law to a certain social media application with the 7 intent to promote or condone the activity; and generally relating to the promotion of 8 criminal activity on social media applications.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Criminal Law
- 11 Section 3-805(a)(1) and (6)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 14 BY adding to
- 15 Article Criminal Law
- Section 10–801 and 10–802 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Promoting or
 Condoning Criminal Activity on Social Media Application"
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article – Criminal Law

- 23 3-805.
- 24 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (6) "Social media application" means any program, software, or website 2 that allows a person to become a registered user for the purpose of establishing personal 3 relationships with one or more other users through:

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(i) direct or real-time communication; or

5 (ii) the creation of websites or profiles capable of being viewed by the 6 public or other users.

SUBTITLE 8. PROMOTING OR CONDONING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON SOCIAL MEDIA
 APPLICATION.

9 **10-801.**

10 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED 11 IN § 3–805 OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 **10–802.**

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT UPLOAD A VIDEO OF AN ACTION THAT IS A CRIME
UNDER THE LAW OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW TO A SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION
WITH THE INTENT TO PROMOTE OR CONDONE THE ACTIVITY.

16 **(B)** A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR 17 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A 18 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 OR BOTH.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 October 1, 2025.

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