

# HOUSE BILL 481

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Criminal Law**

2 3–603.

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

5 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a [misdemeanor] **FELONY** and  
6 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding  
7 \$10,000 or both for each violation.

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

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