

# HOUSE BILL 847

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By: **Delegate Cox**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Registered Sex Offenders – Residency Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain individual registered with the State sex offender  
4 registry from residing within a certain distance of certain locations; establishing a  
5 certain penalty; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to  
6 sex offender registration.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Criminal Procedure

9 Section 11–722.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

15 **11–722.1.**

16 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A REGISTRANT FOR WHICH THE**  
17 **OFFENSE RESULTING IN REGISTRATION INVOLVED A VICTIM UNDER THE AGE OF 18**  
18 **YEARS AND THE REGISTRANT WAS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME THE**  
19 **OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.**

20 **(B) A REGISTRANT MAY NOT RESIDE WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF:**

21 **(1) A SCHOOL;**

22 **(2) A CHILD CARE FACILITY;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           **(3) A PARK;**  
2           **(4) A PLAYGROUND;**  
3           **(5) A DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS STOP; OR**  
4           **(6) A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN REGULARLY CONGREGATE.**

5           **(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR**  
6 **AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR A**  
7 **FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.**

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to  
9 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or  
10 application to any person required to register as a sex offender before the effective date of  
11 this Act.

12           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2021.