

HOUSE BILL 606

E1, E2
HB 847/21 – JUD

2lr2413

By: **Delegates Cox and Parrott**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022
Assigned to: Judiciary

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 moving to and residing within a certain distance of certain locations;
5 providing that this Act does not require a certain person to relocate in certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to 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 2021 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) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A**
21 **REGISTRANT MAY NOT MOVE TO AND RESIDE WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF:**

22 **(1) A SCHOOL;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

9 **(D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON TO RELOCATE FROM THE**
10 **PERSON'S RESIDENCE IF A SCHOOL, CHILD CARE FACILITY, PARK, PLAYGROUND, OR**
11 **DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS STOP IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE**
12 **RESIDENCE AFTER THE PERSON'S RESIDENCY WAS ESTABLISHED.**

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

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2022.