

# HOUSE BILL 99

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By: **Delegate Bartlett**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through Child Pornography –**  
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from knowingly and with a certain intent  
5 soliciting a minor or law enforcement officer posing as a minor to engage in certain  
6 prohibited sexual acts with the minor by a certain means; and generally relating to  
7 sexual solicitation of a minor.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Law  
10 Section 3–324  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Criminal Law  
15 Section 11–207(a)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Criminal Law**

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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.



1 3–324.

2 (a) In this section, “solicit” means to command, authorize, urge, entice, request,  
3 or advise a person by any means, including:

4 (1) in person;

5 (2) through an agent or agency;

6 (3) over the telephone;

7 (4) through any print medium;

8 (5) by mail;

9 (6) by computer or Internet; or

10 (7) by any other electronic means.

11 (b) (1) A person may not, with the intent to commit a violation of § 3–304 or §  
12 3–307 of this subtitle or **§ 11–207**, § 11–303, § 11–304, § 11–305, § 11–306, or § 11–307 of  
13 this article, knowingly solicit a minor, or a law enforcement officer posing as a minor, to  
14 engage in activities that would be unlawful for the person to engage in under § 3–304 or §  
15 3–307 of this subtitle or **§ 11–207**, § 11–303, § 11–304, § 11–305, § 11–306, or § 11–307 of  
16 this article.

17 (2) A person may not, with the intent to commit a violation of § 3–304 or §  
18 3–307 of this subtitle or **§ 11–207**, § 11–303, § 11–304, § 11–305, § 11–306, or § 11–307 of  
19 this article, knowingly solicit the consent of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, or  
20 a law enforcement officer posing as a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, to engage  
21 in activities with the minor that would be unlawful for the person to engage in under §  
22 3–304 or § 3–307 of this subtitle or **§ 11–207**, § 11–303, § 11–304, § 11–305, § 11–306, or §  
23 11–307 of this article.

24 (c) A violation of this section is considered to be committed in the State for  
25 purposes of determining jurisdiction if the solicitation:

26 (1) originated in the State; or

27 (2) is received in the State.

28 (d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is  
29 subject to:

30 (1) for a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not  
31 exceeding \$25,000 or both; and

1 (2) for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment not exceeding 20  
2 years or a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or both.

3 11-207.

4 (a) A person may not:

5 (1) cause, induce, solicit, or knowingly allow a minor to engage as a subject  
6 in the production of obscene matter or a visual representation or performance that depicts  
7 a minor engaged as a subject in sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct;

8 (2) photograph or film a minor engaging in an obscene act, sadomasochistic  
9 abuse, or sexual conduct;

10 (3) use a computer to depict or describe a minor engaging in an obscene act,  
11 sadomasochistic abuse, or sexual conduct;

12 (4) knowingly promote, advertise, solicit, distribute, or possess with the  
13 intent to distribute any matter, visual representation, or performance:

14 (i) that depicts a minor engaged as a subject in sadomasochistic  
15 abuse or sexual conduct; or

16 (ii) in a manner that reflects the belief, or that is intended to cause  
17 another to believe, that the matter, visual representation, or performance depicts a minor  
18 engaged as a subject of sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct; or

19 (5) use a computer to knowingly compile, enter, transmit, make, print,  
20 publish, reproduce, cause, allow, buy, sell, receive, exchange, or disseminate any notice,  
21 statement, advertisement, or minor's name, telephone number, place of residence, physical  
22 characteristics, or other descriptive or identifying information for the purpose of engaging  
23 in, facilitating, encouraging, offering, or soliciting unlawful sadomasochistic abuse or  
24 sexual conduct of or with a minor.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2024.