

Child Pornography

FOR the purpose of ~~defining certain terms; prohibiting the use or employment of minors in certain acts for certain purposes; prohibiting the sale, distribution, exhibition, publication, or printing of certain matter depicting minors in certain acts; prohibiting the importation of certain matter involving minors; providing a penalty; and clarifying language providing that any person who solicits, causes, induces or knowingly permits a person under a certain age to engage as a subject in the production of obscene matter is subject to certain penalties; and providing that persons who photograph or film a child under a certain age engaging in an obscene act is subject to certain penalties.~~

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section ~~417(5) and (6) and~~ 419A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 424
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

~~417.~~

~~As used in this subtitle,~~

~~(5) "MINOR" MEANS ANY NATURAL PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.~~

~~(6) "OBSCENE MATTER" MEANS ANY MATTER WHICH TAKEN AS A WHOLE TO THE AVERAGE PERSON, APPLYING CONTEMPORARY STATEWIDE COMMUNITY STANDARDS, APPEALS TO PRURIENT INTEREST, AND IS MATTER WHICH, TAKEN AS A WHOLE, DEPICTS OR DESCRIBES IN A PATENTLY OFFENSIVE WAY SEXUAL CONDUCT AND WHICH, TAKEN AS A WHOLE, LACKS SERIOUS LITERARY, ARTISTIC, EDUCATIONAL, OR SCIENTIFIC VALUE.~~

~~419A.~~

~~(A) A PERSON MAY NOT EMPLOY OR USE ANY MINOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, MASTURBATION,~~