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5-802. SAME -- HOWARD COUNTY.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF THE ENCLOSURE IN WHICH THE CHILD IS CONFINED IS A FENCED YARD.

(B) IN GENERAL.

IN HOWARD COUNTY, A PERSON WHO IS CHARGED WITH THE CARE OF A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 8 YEARS MAY NOT ALLOW THE CHILD TO BE LOCKED OR CONFINED IN A DWELLING, BUILDING, OR ENCLOSURE WHILE THE PERSON CHARGED IS ABSENT AND THE DWELLING, BUILDING, OR ENCLOSURE IS OUT OF THE SIGHT OF THE PERSON CHARGED UNLESS THE PERSON CHARGED PROVIDES A RELIABLE PERSON AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD TO REMAIN WITH THE CHILD TO PROTECT THE CHILD FROM FIRE, SCALDING, SMOKE INHALATION, OR SUFFOCATION.

(C) VIOLATION.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR, OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 27, § 399B.

In subsection (b) of this section, the word "responsible" is deleted as repetitive of the word "reliable", and for consistency with § 5-801 of this subtitle.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the clause "and the dwelling, building, or enclosure is out of the sight of the person charged" is substituted for the former reference to the person charged being absent "from the sight of the premises", for clarity.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, "from the premises", which formerly modified "absent", is deleted as unnecessary.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, "the danger of", which formerly introduced the enumerated hazards, is deleted as unnecessary.

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SUBTITLE 9. CHILD ABUSE.

5-901. DEFINITIONS.