

CHAPTER 561

(Senate Bill 742)

AN ACT concerning

Child Abduction

FOR the purpose of expanding the scope of the statute prohibiting the abduction of a child under the age of 12 years by extending the prohibition to abduction of such children from any real property related to the child's home or place of abode; and relating generally to child abduction.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

2.

Any person who shall without the color of right forcibly abduct, take or carry away any child under the age of twelve years from the home or usual place of abode ~~OR-RELATED-REAL PROPERTY~~ of such child, or from the custody and control of the parent or parents, or lawful guardian or guardians of such child, or be accessory thereto, or who shall without such color of right and against the consent of the parent or parents or lawful guardian or guardians of such child, persuade or entice from the usual place of abode ~~OR-RELATED-REAL-PROPERTY~~ or house of such child, or from the custody and control of the parent or parents, or guardian or guardians of such child, or be accessory thereto, or shall knowingly secrete or harbor such child, or be accessory thereto, with the intent to deprive such parent or parents, guardian or guardians, or any person who may be in lawful possession of such child, of the custody, care and control of such child, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall suffer imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding twenty years, in the discretion of the court.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERMS "USUAL PLACE OF ABODE", "HOME", AND "HOUSE" INCLUDE THE REAL PROPERTY APPURTENANT THERETO.