

the first degree, subject to certain penalties; altering the scope of the misdemeanor of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult and redesignating it as abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the second degree, subject to certain penalties; providing that certain sentences shall be in addition to certain other sentences except under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.

**BY renumbering**

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3-603(e) and 3-604, respectively  
to be Section 3-605 and 3-606, respectively  
Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

**BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,**

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3-603 and 3-605

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

**BY adding to**

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3-604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That Section(s) 3-603(e) and 3-604, respectively, of Article – Criminal Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002) be renumbered to be Section(s) 3-605 and 3-606, respectively.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Criminal Law**

3-603.

(a) (1) In this section AND §§ 3-604 AND 3-605 OF THIS SUBTITLE the following words have the meanings indicated.