

FOR the purpose of requiring a person who operates certain bookstores and entertainment venues in Harford County and Cecil County to verify in a certain manner the age of each individual entering the premises; prohibiting a person who operates certain bookstores and entertainment venues from *knowingly* allowing a minor to remain on the premises; and generally relating to bookstores and entertainment venues in Harford County and Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 11–102 and 11–103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 11–104.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

11–102.

(a) A person may not knowingly sell or offer to sell to a minor:

(1) a picture, photograph, drawing, sculpture, motion picture, film, or other visual representation or image of an individual or portion of the human body that depicts sadomasochistic abuse, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement;

(2) a book, magazine, paperback, pamphlet, or other written or printed matter however reproduced, that contains:

(i) any matter enumerated in item (1) of this section;

(ii) obscene material; or

(iii) explicit verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sadomasochistic abuse, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement; or

(3) a sound recording that contains:

(i) obscene material; or

(ii) explicit verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sadomasochistic abuse, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.