

membership, co-chairs, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to receive testimony from certain persons and collect and examine certain data; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to certain committees and to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; ~~providing for the effective dates of this Act~~; providing for the termination of ~~a portion of this Act~~; and generally relating to criminal group enterprises.

**BY adding to**

~~Article—Criminal Law~~

~~Section 9-801 through 9-803, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Criminal Group Enterprises"~~

~~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~~**

**~~SUBTITLE 8. CRIMINAL GROUP ENTERPRISES.~~**

~~9-801.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(B) "COERCE" MEANS TO COMPEL OR ATTEMPT TO COMPEL ANOTHER BY THREAT OF HARM OR OTHER ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES.~~

~~(C) "SOLICIT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-301 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~9-802.~~

~~(A) A PERSON MAY NOT THREATEN ANOTHER WITH PHYSICAL VIOLENCE WITH THE INTENT TO COERCE, INDUCE, OR SOLICIT THE OTHER TO PARTICIPATE IN OR PREVENT THE OTHER FROM LEAVING A FORMAL OR INFORMAL ONGOING GROUP, CLUB, ORGANIZATION, OR ASSOCIATION OF INDIVIDUALS.~~

~~(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.~~

~~9-803.~~

~~(A) A PERSON MAY NOT USE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE TO COERCE, INDUCE, OR SOLICIT ANOTHER TO PARTICIPATE IN OR PREVENT THE OTHER FROM LEAVING A FORMAL OR INFORMAL ONGOING GROUP, CLUB, ORGANIZATION, OR ASSOCIATION OF INDIVIDUALS.~~

~~(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.~~