from suspending any-part of a sentence for a certain sexual offense committed against a child-under a certain age; requiring the State to provide a certain notification if the State intends to seek a certain sentence under certain circumstances; creating a certain exception; and generally relating to sexual offenses involving children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Criminal Law Section 3–303 through 3–307 <u>3–306</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Criminal Law

3-303.

(a) A person may not:

- (1) engage in vaginal intercourse with another by force, or the threat of force, without the consent of the other; and
- (2) (i) employ or display a dangerous weapon, or a physical object that the victim reasonably believes is a dangerous weapon;
- (ii) suffocate, strangle, disfigure, or inflict serious physical injury on the victim or another in the course of committing the crime;
- (iii) threaten, or place the victim in fear, that the victim, or an individual known to the victim, imminently will be subject to death, suffocation, strangulation, disfigurement, serious physical injury, or kidnapping;
 - (iv) commit the crime while aided and abetted by another; or
- (v) commit the crime in connection with a burglary in the first, second, or third degree.
- (b) A person may not violate subsection (a) of this section while also violating § 3–503(a)(2) of this title involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16 years.
- (c) A person 18 years of age or older may not violate subsection (a) of this section involving a victim who is a child under the age of 13 years.