

Prostitution Laws of Maryland

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§ 11-301: Definitions

(a) In general.- In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) Assignment.- "Assignment" means the making of an appointment or engagement for prostitution or any act in furtherance of the appointment or engagement.

(c) Prostitution.- "Prostitution" means the performance of a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse for hire.

(d) Sexual act.- "Sexual act" has the meaning stated in § 3-301 of this article.

(e) Sexual contact.- "Sexual contact" has the meaning stated in § 3-301 of this article.

(f) Solicit.- "Solicit" means urging, advising, inducing, encouraging, requesting, or commanding another.

(g) Vaginal intercourse.- "Vaginal intercourse" has the meaning stated in § 3-301 of this article.

§ 11-302: Effect of subtitle on other laws

A person charged with a crime under this subtitle may also be prosecuted and sentenced for violating any other applicable law.

§ 11-303: Pandering

(a) Prohibited - In general.- A person may not knowingly:

(1) take or cause another to be taken to any place for prostitution;

(2) place, cause to be placed, or harbor another in any place for prostitution;

(3) persuade or encourage by threat or promise another to be taken to or placed in any place for prostitution;

(4) unlawfully take or detain another with the intent to use force, threat, or persuasion to compel the other to marry the person or a third person or perform a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse; or

(5) receive consideration to procure for or place in a house of prostitution or elsewhere another with the intent of causing the other to engage in prostitution or assignment.

(b) Same - Consent of parent or guardian.- A parent, guardian, or person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of another may not consent to the taking or detention of the other for prostitution.

(c) Penalty.- A person who violates this section is guilty of the misdemeanor of pandering and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

(d) Statute of limitations and in banc review.- A person who violates this section is subject to § 5-106(b) of the Courts Article.

(e) Venue.- A person who violates this section may be charged, tried, and sentenced in any county in or through which the person transported or attempted to transport the other.

§ 11-304: Receiving earnings of prostitute

(a) Prohibited.- A person may not receive or acquire money or proceeds from the earnings of a person engaged in prostitution with the intent to:

- (1) promote a crime under this subtitle;
- (2) profit from a crime under this subtitle; or
- (3) conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of money or proceeds of a crime under this subtitle.

(b) Penalty.- A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.

(c) Statute of limitations and in banc review.- A person who violates this section is subject to § 5-106(b) of the Courts Article.

§ 11-306: House of prostitution

(a) Prohibited.- A person may not knowingly:

- (1) engage in prostitution or assignation by any means;
- (2) keep, set up, occupy, maintain, or operate a building, structure, or conveyance for prostitution or assignation;
- (3) allow a building, structure, or conveyance owned or under the person's control to be used for prostitution or assignation;
- (4) allow or agree to allow a person into a building, structure, or conveyance for prostitution or assignation; or
- (5) procure or solicit or offer to procure or solicit for prostitution or assignation.

(b) Penalty.- A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.