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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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## Criminal Law - Crimes Committed in the Presence of a Minor - Penalties

- 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of violence if 4 the crime is a domestically related crime and the person knows or reasonably 5 should know that a minor is present; establishing certain circumstances under 6 which a minor is present; establishing a certain enhanced penalty for a violation 7 of this Act; authorizing a court to impose an enhanced penalty if the State's 8 Attorney provides certain notice to the defendant in a certain manner and if 9 certain elements have been proven beyond a reasonable doubt; authorizing the 10 State to include a certain notice in a certain indictment or information; providing that a penalty imposed under this Act shall be separate from and 11 12 consecutive to a sentence for any crime based on the act establishing the 13 violation of this Act; and generally relating to crimes committed in the presence of a minor. 14
- 15 BY adding to
- 16 Article Criminal Law
- 17 Section 3–601.1
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
- 20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 21 Article Public Safety
- 22 Section 5–101(a) and (c)
- 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 24 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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THE ENHANCED PENALTY; AND

	2 HOUSE BILL 306
1 2 3 4 5	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Criminal Procedure Section 6–233 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
6 7	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
8	Article - Criminal Law
9	3–601.1.
10 11 12 13	(A) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IF, AT THE TIME THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED, THE DEFENDANT OR THE VICTIM HAD PERMANENT CUSTODY, TEMPORARY CUSTODY, TEMPORARY CARE, OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUPERVISION OF THE MINOR.
14 15	(2) A PERSON MAY NOT COMMIT A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN § 5–101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE IF:
16 17	(I) THE CRIME IS A DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME AS DEFINED IN § 6–233 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE; AND
18 19	(II) THE PERSON KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT A MINOR IS PRESENT.
20 21 22	(3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, A MINOR IS PRESENT IF THE MINOR IS WITHIN SIGHT OR HEARING OF THE CRIME OR IS OTHERWISE ABLE TO PERCEIVE THE CRIME.
23 24 25	(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR THE CRIME.
26 27	(C) A COURT MAY IMPOSE AN ENHANCED PENALTY UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF:

AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,

AND 15 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

NOTIFIES THE DEFENDANT IN WRITING OF THE STATE'S INTENTION TO SEEK

$1\\2$	BEEN PRO	(2) VEN BI	THE ELEMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION HAVE EYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.		
3 4 5		ION,	HE DEFENDANT IS CHARGED BY INDICTMENT OR CRIMINAL THE STATE MAY INCLUDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER (1) OF THIS SECTION IN THE INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION.		
6 7 8	(E) AN ENHANCED PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SEPARATE FROM AND CONSECUTIVE TO A SENTENCE FOR ANY CRIME BASED ON THE ACT ESTABLISHING THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.				
9	Article - Public Safety				
10	5–101.				
11	(a)	In th	is subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.		
12	(c)	"Crin	ne of violence" means:		
13		(1)	abduction;		
14		(2)	arson in the first degree;		
15		(3)	assault in the first or second degree;		
16		(4)	burglary in the first, second, or third degree;		
17		(5)	carjacking and armed carjacking;		
18		(6)	escape in the first degree;		
19		(7)	kidnapping;		
20		(8)	voluntary manslaughter;		
21 22	the Code;	(9)	maiming as previously proscribed under former Article 27, § 386 of		
23 24	the Code;	(10)	mayhem as previously proscribed under former Article 27, § 384 of		
25		(11)	murder in the first or second degree;		
26		(12)	rape in the first or second degree;		
27		(13)	robbery;		

1	(14) robbery with a dangerous weapon;			
2	(15) sexual offense in the first, second, or third degree;			
3 4	(16) an attempt to commit any of the crimes listed in items (1) through (15) of this subsection; or			
5 6 7	(17) assault with intent to commit any of the crimes listed in items (1) through (15) of this subsection or a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year.			
8	Article - Criminal Procedure			
9	6–233.			
10 11 12 13	(a) In this section, "domestically related crime" means a crime committed by a defendant against a victim who is a person eligible for relief, as defined in § 4–501 of the Family Law Article, or who had a sexual relationship with the defendant within 12 months before the commission of the crime.			
14 15 16 17	(b) (1) If a defendant is convicted of or receives a probation before judgment disposition for a crime, on request of the State's Attorney, the court shall make a finding of fact, based on evidence produced at trial, as to whether the crime is a domestically related crime.			
18 19	(2) The State has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the crime is a domestically related crime.			
20 21 22 23	(c) If the court finds that the crime is a domestically related crime under subsection (b) of this section, that finding shall become part of the court record for purposes of reporting to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository under § 10–215 of this article.			
24 25	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.			