

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Crimes and Punishments – Unnatural or Perverted Sexual Practices**

30 FOR the purpose of legalizing the performance of certain sexual acts.

40 BY repealing, and re-enacting, with amendments

50 Article – Crimes and Punishments

60 § 554

70 Annotated Code of Maryland

80 (2001 Replacement Volume)

90 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the
100 Laws of Maryland read as follows:

110 **Article – Crimes and Punishments**

120 § 554. Unnatural or perverted sexual practices

130 Every person who is convicted of taking into his or her mouth the sexual organ of ~~any other~~
140 ~~person or~~ an animal OR MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT, or who
150 shall be convicted of placing his or her sexual organ in the mouth of any ~~other person or~~
160 animal OR MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT, or who shall be
170 convicted of committing any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any ~~other~~
180 ~~person or~~ animal, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or be
190 imprisoned in jail or in the house of correction or in the penitentiary for a period not
200 exceeding ten years, or shall be both fined and imprisoned within the limits above
210 prescribed in the discretion of the court.

220 And in any indictment for the commission of any of the acts, hereby declared to be offenses, it
230 shall not be necessary to set forth the particular unnatural or perverted sexual practice
240 with the commission of which the defendant may be charged, nor to set forth the
250 particular manner in which said unnatural or perverted sexual practice was committed,
260 but it shall be sufficient if the indictment set forth that the defendant committed a certain
270 unnatural and perverted sexual practice with a person or animal, as the case may be.

280 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this act shall take effect on October 1, 2002.

290 MANDATES: Senator Walter Baker
300 Delegate Vallario
310 Incoming Chair of Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
320 Incoming Chair of House Judiciary Committee

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