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AN ACT

To repeal section 566.151, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the crime of enticement of a child, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 566.151, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 566.151, to read as follows:

566.151. 1. A person at least twenty-one years of age or older commits the crime of enticement of a child if that person persuades, solicits, coaxes, entices, or lures whether by words, actions or through communication via the Internet or any electronic communication, any [person] **individual** who is less than [fifteen] **seventeen** years of age **or any individual who the person believes is less than seventeen years of age** for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct.

2. It is not an affirmative defense to a prosecution for a violation of this section that the other person was a peace officer masquerading as a minor.

3. Enticement of a child or an attempt to commit enticement of a child is a felony for which the authorized term of imprisonment shall be not less than five years and not more than thirty years. No person convicted under this section shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.