

SENATE BILL 806

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By: **Senators Raskin, Currie, Feldman, King, Kittleman, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, Montgomery, Robey, Rosapepe, Young, and Zirkin**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hazing – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for a certain offense relating to subjecting a
4 student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of a certain initiation;
5 and generally relating to hazing.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 3–607
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 3–607.

15 (a) A person may not recklessly or intentionally do an act or create a
16 situation that subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of
17 an initiation into a student organization of a school, college, or university.

18 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
19 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding
20 **[\$500] \$5,000** or both.

21 (c) The implied or express consent of a student to hazing is not a defense
22 under this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2014.