

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

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Hazing – Penalty

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

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

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

Article – Criminal Law

3–607.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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