

HOUSE BILL 475

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By: **Delegates Sydnor, Conaway, Gutierrez, Jackson, Jalisi, Morales, Platt, and Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Grand Juries – Prohibited Action**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a grand jury from inquiring into an offense that involves a
4 shooting or the alleged use of excessive force by certain law enforcement officers that
5 leads to the death of a person in law enforcement custody; and generally relating to
6 grand juries.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 8–418

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 **8–418.**

16 **A GRAND JURY MAY NOT INQUIRE INTO AN OFFENSE THAT INVOLVES A**
17 **SHOOTING OR THE ALLEGED USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT**
18 **OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN § 3–101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, THAT LEADS TO**
19 **THE DEATH OF A PERSON ARRESTED, DETAINED, OR OTHERWISE IN LAW**
20 **ENFORCEMENT CUSTODY.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2016.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

