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§3–708.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Local official” means an individual serving in a publicly elected office of a local government unit, as defined in § 10–101 of the State Government Article.

(3) (i) “State official” has the meaning stated in § 5–101 of the General Provisions Article.

(ii) “State official” includes the Governor, Governor–elect, Lieutenant Governor, and Lieutenant Governor–elect.

(4) “Threat” includes:

(i) an oral threat; or

(ii) a threat in any written form, whether or not the writing is signed, or if the writing is signed, whether or not it is signed with a fictitious name or any other mark.

(b) A person may not knowingly and willfully make a threat to take the life of, kidnap, or cause physical injury to a State official, a local official, a deputy State’s Attorney, an assistant State’s Attorney, or an assistant Public Defender.

(c) A person may not knowingly send, deliver, part with, or make for the purpose of sending or delivering a threat prohibited under subsection (b) of this section.

(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

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