

HOUSE BILL 700

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hate Crimes – Group Victim**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing certain acts against a group
4 because of the group’s race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender,
5 disability, or national origin, or because the group is homeless; and generally relating
6 to hate crimes.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 10–304
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 10–304.

16 Because of **[another’s] ANOTHER PERSON’S OR GROUP’S** race, color, religious
17 beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin, or because another

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 PERSON OR GROUP is homeless, a person may not:

2 (1) (i) commit a crime or attempt to commit a crime against that person
3 OR GROUP;

4 (ii) damage the real or personal property of that person OR GROUP;

5 (iii) deface, damage, or destroy, or attempt to deface, damage, or
6 destroy the real or personal property of that person OR GROUP; or

7 (iv) burn or attempt to burn an object on the real or personal property
8 of that person OR GROUP; or

9 (2) commit a violation of item (1) of this section that:

10 (i) except as provided in item (ii) of this item, involves a separate
11 crime that is a felony; or

12 (ii) results in the death of [the] A victim.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.