

HOUSE BILL 1377

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By: **Delegate Kittleman**

Introduced and read first time: February 20, 2019

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Assault – Pregnancy**
3 **(Laura and Reid’s Law)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to
5 another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a pregnant
6 individual; applying certain penalties; and generally relating to assaults on pregnant
7 individuals.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Law
10 Section 3–203
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 3–203.

17 (a) A person may not commit an assault.

18 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person who violates
19 subsection (a) of this section is guilty of the misdemeanor of assault in the second degree
20 and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding
21 \$2,500 or both.

22 (c) (1) In this subsection, “physical injury” means any impairment of physical
23 condition, excluding minor injuries.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) A person may not intentionally cause physical injury to another if the
2 person knows or has reason to know that the other is:

3 (i) a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of the
4 officer's official duties;

5 (ii) a parole or probation agent engaged in the performance of the
6 agent's official duties; [or]

7 (iii) a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad
8 member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or
9 rescue services; **OR**

10 **(IV) A PREGNANT INDIVIDUAL.**

11 (3) A person who violates paragraph (2) of this subsection is guilty of the
12 felony of assault in the second degree and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not
13 exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2019.