

SENATE BILL 198

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HB 778/18 – JUD

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By: ~~Senators Hough and Cassilly~~, Cassilly, Zirkin, Ready, Waldstreicher, Hester,
and West

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes – Solicitation to Commit Murder – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to
4 commit murder in the first degree; providing that a person who solicits another or
5 conspires with another to commit murder in the first degree is guilty of a felony;
6 establishing a certain penalty; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
7 relating to solicitation to commit murder.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 5–106(ff)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Criminal Law
15 Section 2–211
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

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 5–106.

2 (ff) The statute of limitations for the prosecution of the crime of solicitation to
3 commit [murder in the first degree in violation of § 2–201 of the Criminal Law Article,]
4 murder in the second degree in violation of § 2–204 of the Criminal Law Article, arson in
5 the first degree in violation of § 6–102 of the Criminal Law Article, or arson in the second
6 degree in violation of § 6–103 of the Criminal Law Article is 3 years.

7 **Article – Criminal Law**

8 **2–211.**

9 **A PERSON WHO SOLICITS ANOTHER OR CONSPIRES WITH ANOTHER TO**
10 **COMMIT MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON**
11 **CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING LIFE.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
13 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
14 application to any offense occurring before the effective date of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.