

# SENATE BILL 395

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By: **Senators Waldstreicher, Smith, and Washington**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Decriminalization of Attempted Suicide**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that attempted suicide is not a crime in the State; ~~prohibiting~~  
4 ~~a certain act, in itself, from being the basis of a certain criminal charge; providing~~  
5 for the construction of this Act; providing that the common law offense of attempted  
6 suicide is abrogated and repealed; and generally relating to attempted suicide.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 3–101.1 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 1. Suicide”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 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 Subtitle 1. [Assisted] Suicide.

16 **3–101.1.**

17 **(A) ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IS NOT A CRIME IN THE STATE.**

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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           **(B) ~~THE ACT OF ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE, IN ITSELF, MAY NOT~~**  
 2 **~~FORM THE BASIS OF A CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST THE PERSON WHO ATTEMPTED~~**  
 3 **~~TO COMMIT SUICIDE~~ THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A PERSON**  
 4 **WHO COMMITS ONE OR MORE CRIMES IN THE COURSE OF ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT**  
 5 **SUICIDE FROM BEING CHARGED WITH THE OTHER CRIME OR CRIMES.**

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the common law offense of  
 7 attempted suicide is hereby abrogated and repealed.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.