

SENATE BILL 395

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CF HB 77

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

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2019

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

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5 that the common law offense of attempted suicide is abrogated and repealed; and
6 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.**

18 **(B) THE ACT OF ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE, IN ITSELF, MAY NOT**
19 **FORM THE BASIS OF A CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST THE PERSON WHO ATTEMPTED**
20 **TO COMMIT SUICIDE.**

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22 attempted suicide is hereby abrogated and repealed.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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