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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Threats Against Parole and Probation Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor to knowingly and willfully make a
4 threat to take the life of, kidnap, or inflict bodily harm upon a parole officer.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
7 Section 561A
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

12 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

13 561A.

14 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (2) "Local official" means an individual serving in a publicly elected
16 office of a local government unit, as defined in § 10-101(d) of the State Government
17 Article.

18 (3) (i) "State official" means a State official as defined in § 15-102 of
19 the State Government Article.

20 (ii) "State official" includes the Governor, Governor-elect,
21 Lieutenant Governor, and Lieutenant Governor-elect.

22 (4) "Threat" includes:

23 (i) A verbal threat; or

1 (ii) A threat in any written form, whether or not the writing is
2 signed, or if it is signed whether or not the writing is signed with a fictitious name or
3 any other mark.

4 (b) A person may not knowingly and willfully make a threat to take the life of,
5 kidnap, or inflict bodily harm upon a:

6 (1) State or local official; OR

7 (2) PAROLE OFFICER.

8 (c) A person may not knowingly send, deliver, part with the possession of, or
9 make for the purpose of sending or delivering a threat prohibited under subsection (b)
10 of this section.

11 (d) A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a
12 misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or
13 a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 1998.