

HOUSE BILL 12

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By: **Delegates Sophocleus, Robinson, DeBoy, Wood, Sossi, Riley, and Carr**

Requested: August 6, 2009

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Failure to Properly Bury or Dispose of a Body – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from burying or disposing of a human
4 body except in a certain manner; establishing certain penalties; and generally
5 relating to the burial or disposal of a human body.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Health – General
8 Section 5–101
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume)

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 5–513
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 5–101.

20 In this title, “body” means a dead human body.

21 **5–513.**

22 **(A) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BURY OR DISPOSE OF A BODY EXCEPT IN:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) A FAMILY BURIAL PLOT OR OTHER AREA ALLOWED BY A**
2 **LOCAL ORDINANCE;**

3 **(2) A CREMATORY;**

4 **(3) A CEMETERY; OR**

5 **(4) A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.**

6 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**
7 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT**
8 **EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2010.