

SENATE BILL 977

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By: **Senators Gladden and Dyson**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

Introduced and read first time: March 9, 2011

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Freedom of Speech – Picketing at a Funeral – Distance**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the distance within which a person is prohibited from
4 engaging in picketing activities at a funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral
5 procession; and generally relating to picketing at a funeral, burial, memorial
6 service, or funeral procession.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 10–205(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 10–205.

16 (c) A person may not engage in picketing activity within [100] **500** feet of a
17 funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession that is targeted at one or more
18 persons attending the funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2011.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

