

SENATE BILL 806

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By: **Senators Raskin, Currie, Feldman, King, Kittleman, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, Montgomery, Robey, Rosapepe, Young, and Zirkin**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hazing – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for a certain offense relating to subjecting a
4 student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of a certain initiation;
5 and generally relating to hazing.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 3–607
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 3–607.

15 (a) A person may not recklessly or intentionally do an act or create a
16 situation that subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of
17 an initiation into a student organization of a school, college, or university.

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) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
2 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding
3 ~~[\$500]~~ **\$5,000** or both.

4 (c) The implied or express consent of a student to hazing is not a defense
5 under this section.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.