

SENATE BILL 394

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SB 806/14 – JPR

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By: **Senators Raskin, Benson, Feldman, King, Klausmeier, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Montgomery, Pinsky, and Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hazing**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the offense of hazing is committed by subjecting a
4 student to the risk of serious bodily injury, regardless of whether injury actually
5 occurs; altering the penalty for a certain offense relating to subjecting a student to
6 the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of a certain initiation; and generally
7 relating to hazing.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Law
10 Section 3–607
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 3–607.

17 (a) A person may not recklessly or intentionally do an act or create a situation
18 that subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury, **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER**
19 **INJURY ACTUALLY OCCURS**, for the purpose of an initiation into a student organization
20 of a school, college, or university.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2015.