

HOUSE BILL 1660

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 4, 2020

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Legislative Privilege – Exception for Records Related to a**
3 **Crime**

4 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that
5 the prohibition against the freedom of speech and debate or proceedings in the
6 Legislature being impeached in a court does not prohibit the disclosure of certain
7 records; providing that the prohibition against Senators and Delegates being liable
8 in certain actions for words spoken in debate does not prohibit the disclosure of
9 certain records; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State
10 for their adoption or rejection.

11 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
12 Declaration of Rights
13 Article 10

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15 Article III – Legislative Department
16 Section 18

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be
19 proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

20 **Declaration of Rights**

21 10.

22 **(A)** That freedom of speech and debate, or proceedings in the Legislature, ought
23 not to be impeached in any Court of Judicature.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



