

HB0862/583026/1

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 862, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, after “**Law –**” insert “**Absentee Ballot Pickup and Delivery and**”; in the same line, strike “– **Multiple Ballots Cast by an Individual**”; and in line 3, after “of” insert “prohibiting a person from picking up and delivering the absentee ballot of a qualified applicant;”; strike beginning with “canvassing” in line 5 down through “election” in line 6 and substitute “absentee ballot pickup and delivery and ballot canvassing”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive.

On page 1 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments (HB0862/773526/1), in line 2 of Amendment No. 1, before “BY” insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 9–307, 11–302(d)(5) and (6), and 11–303(d)(2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”;

and in line 7, strike “11–302(d)(5) and (6)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, after line 14, insert:

“9–307.

(a) [A qualified applicant may designate a duly authorized agent to] A PERSON MAY NOT pick up and deliver [an] THE absentee ballot OF A QUALIFIED APPLICANT under this subtitle.

- [(b) An agent of the voter under this section:
- (1) must be at least 18 years old;
 - (2) may not be a candidate on that ballot;
 - (3) shall be designated in a writing signed by the voter under penalty of perjury; and
 - (4) shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was:
 - (i) delivered to the voter who submitted the application;
 - (ii) marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with assistance as allowed by regulation, in the agent's presence; and
 - (iii) returned to the local board by the agent.]

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 1 YEAR AND NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS."

On page 2 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments, in line 12 of Amendment No. 2, strike "AND"; and in line 13, after "BALLOT" insert "; AND

(3) PROMPTLY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF MULTIPLE BALLOTS AND POTENTIAL VOTER FRAUD".