HOUSE BILL 645

E1 HB 306/21 – JUD

By: Delegate Jackson

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Hate Crimes – False Statement to a Law Enforcement Officer

- FOR the purpose of clarifying that the making of a certain false statement to a law enforcement officer may form the basis for a certain hate crime; and generally
- 5 relating to hate crimes.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 7 Article Criminal Law
- 8 Section 9–501, 10–306, and 10–307
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Criminal Law
- 13 Section 10–304
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.
- 17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 Article - Criminal Law

- 19 9-501.
- 20 (a) A person may not make, or cause to be made, a statement, report, or complaint that the person knows to be false as a whole or in material part, to a law enforcement officer
- 22 of the State, of a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State,
- 23 or of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Police with intent to deceive and
- 25 of of the Maryland National Capital Land Lamining Folice with intent to deceive and
- 24 to cause an investigation or other action to be taken as a result of the statement, report, or
- 25 complaint.

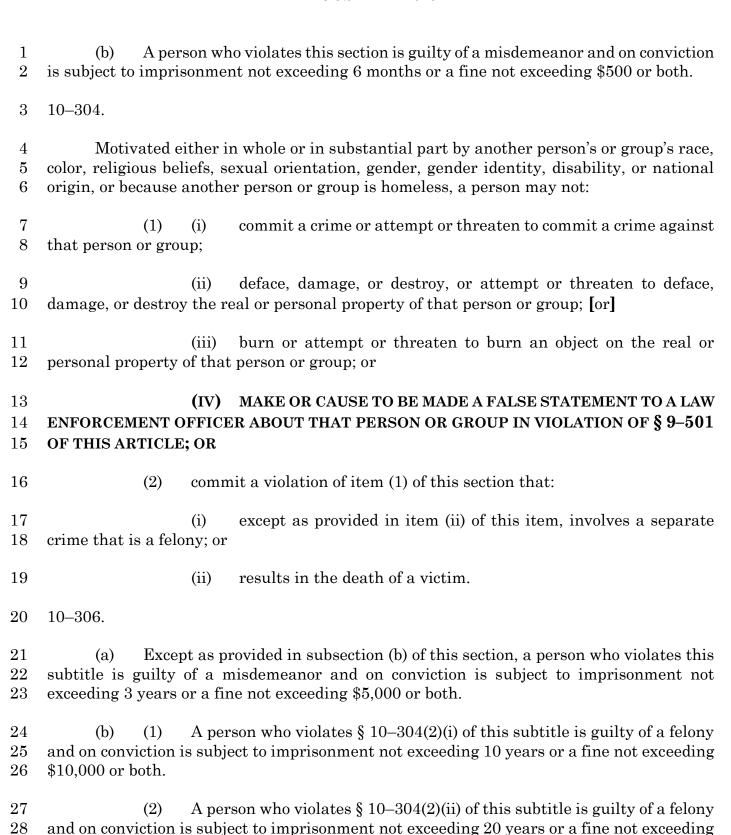
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



\$20,000 or both.

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30 (c) In addition to any other penalties imposed by this section, the court may 31 require a person who violates this subtitle to complete an antibias education program.

- 1 10-307.
- A sentence imposed under this subtitle may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence for any crime based on the act establishing the violation of this subtitle.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 6 October 1, 2022.