

# SENATE BILL 547

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By: **Senator Lam**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus –**  
3 **Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring  
5 or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual;  
6 and generally related to transfer of human immunodeficiency virus.

7 BY repealing

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 18–601.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 [18–601.1.

16 (a) An individual who has the human immunodeficiency virus may not knowingly  
17 transfer or attempt to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.

18 (b) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor  
19 and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or imprisonment not exceeding  
20 3 years or both.]

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

