

SB0873/613029/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 873
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Criminal Law –**” and substitute “**Workgroup to Study Adoption of a Statute for**”; strike beginning with “that” in line 3 down through “assault” in line 16 and substitute “the Workgroup to Study Adoption of a Statute for Assault in the Third Degree; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Adoption of a Statute for Assault in the Third Degree”; and strike in their entirety lines 17 through 28, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 8, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 10, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 2 through line 23 on page 9, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Workgroup to Study Adoption of a Statute for Assault in the Third Degree.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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(3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

(4) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

(5) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, or the Executive Director's designee;

(6) the President of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, or the President's designee;

(7) one retired State circuit court judge with expertise in criminal law, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland;

(8) one faculty member of the University of Baltimore School of Law with expertise in criminal law, appointed by the Dean of the University of Baltimore School of Law; and

(9) one representative of a group supporting victims of domestic violence, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee shall jointly designate the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

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(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) study the expansion of the State law governing assault to include a third degree;

(2) identify practical and legal issues that the addition of a third degree assault prohibition under State law may have;

(3) make recommendations regarding the addition of a third degree assault prohibition; and

(4) if the Workgroup recommends adoption of a third degree assault prohibition, prepare draft legislation providing for the adoption of a third degree assault prohibition, with the assistance of the Department of Legislative Services.

(g) On or before December 1, 2026, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.