

# HOUSE BILL 674

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By: **Delegates Kaufman, Allen, Lopez, McComas, T. Morgan, Phillips, Shetty, Taveras, Tomlinson, Wims, and ~~Woorman~~ Woorman, Arikan, Taylor, Sample-Hughes, and Williams**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – ~~Concealment of Death and Disturbing and Dismembering or~~**  
3 **Burying Human Remains With Intent to Conceal a Crime**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person, with the intent to conceal ~~the death of another a~~  
5 crime, from ~~failing to notify emergency medical services or law enforcement~~  
6 ~~regarding the death~~, committing certain destructive acts to any part of human  
7 remains, ~~or burying or otherwise disposing of a dead body~~; prohibiting a person from  
8 aiding or abetting another in committing a violation of this Act; and generally  
9 relating to ~~the prohibition against the intentional concealment of a death~~ crimes  
10 relating to human remains.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Criminal Law  
13 Section 10–405  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 **10–405.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT, WITH THE INTENT TO CONCEAL ~~THE DEATH OF~~  
2 ~~ANOTHER;~~

3 ~~(1) FAIL TO CONTACT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OR LAW~~  
4 ~~ENFORCEMENT REGARDING THE DEATH OF THE PERSON;~~

5 ~~(2) A CRIME,~~ KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY DISMEMBER, DESTROY,  
6 REMOVE, BURY, DISPOSE OF, OR ~~OTHERWISE~~ OBLITERATE BY ANY MEANS ANY  
7 PORTION OF HUMAN REMAINS; ~~OR~~

8 ~~(3) BURY OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF A DEAD BODY.~~

9 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT AID OR ABET ANOTHER IN ~~COMMITTING A~~  
10 ~~VIOLATION~~ VIOLATING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND  
12 ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING ~~10~~ 5 YEARS.

13 (D) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION ~~SHALL~~ MAY BE  
14 CONSECUTIVE TO ~~AND NOT OR~~ CONCURRENT WITH ANY OTHER SENTENCE IMPOSED  
15 FOR ANY OTHER CRIME BASED ON THE ACT ESTABLISHING THE VIOLATION OF THIS  
16 SECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.