

HOUSE BILL 1054

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By: **Delegates Phillips, Acevero, Addison, Embry, Ruff, and Stinnett**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Ethics Violations, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, and Nonfeasance –**
3 **Statute of Limitations**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the statute of limitations for prosecutions relating to the
5 commission of, attempt to commit, or conspiracy to commit a criminal offense under
6 the Maryland Public Ethics Law and other criminal provisions prohibiting
7 malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance by certain public officers; and generally
8 relating to the statute of limitations for prosecutions relating to a criminal violation
9 of Maryland Public Ethics Law and other crimes prohibiting malfeasance,
10 misfeasance, or nonfeasance by public officers.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 5–106(f) and (g)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 5–106.

20 (f) A prosecution for the commission of or the attempt to commit a misdemeanor
21 constituting[: (1)] a criminal offense under the Maryland Public Ethics Law[:] or [(2)]
22 **CONSTITUTING** criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office committed by
23 an officer of the State, or of an agency of the State, or of a political subdivision of the State,
24 or of a bicounty or multicounty agency in the State shall be instituted within [2] **3** years
25 after the offense was committed.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (g) A prosecution for conspiracy to commit any of the offenses enumerated in
2 subsection (f) of this section shall be instituted within [2] 3 years after the offense was
3 committed.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2026.