

SENATE BILL 988

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CF HB 309

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judicial Facilities – Stops, Detentions, and Arrests – Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from being stopped, detained, or arrested for
4 certain civil offenses under certain circumstances; establishing that evidence
5 obtained in violation of this Act is inadmissible in certain proceedings; authorizing
6 an individual stopped, detained, or arrested in violation of this Act to bring a civil
7 action; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action to enjoin an
8 individual from committing a violation of this Act; and generally relating to stops,
9 detentions, and arrests at judicial facilities.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

12 Section 13–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Judicial Facilities” and the
13 amended title “Title 13. Court Supporting Agencies, Records, and Judicial
14 Facilities”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 Title 13. Court Supporting Agencies, **RECORDS, AND JUDICIAL FACILITIES.**

21 **SUBTITLE 8. JUDICIAL FACILITIES.**

22 **13–801.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
2 **INDICATED.**

3 **(2) (I) “JUDICIAL FACILITY” MEANS A COURTHOUSE, AN**
4 **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING FACILITY, OR OTHER LOCATION OR SPACE, WHETHER**
5 **OWNED OR LEASED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, USED FOR**
6 **JUDICIAL OR QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.**

7 **(II) “JUDICIAL FACILITY” INCLUDES ANY PATHWAY, HALLWAY,**
8 **PARKING LOT OR STRUCTURE, GROUNDS, OR OTHER AREA WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A**
9 **COURTHOUSE, AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING FACILITY, OR OTHER LOCATION USED**
10 **FOR JUDICIAL OR QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.**

11 **(3) “PERSON” INCLUDES A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, LAW**
12 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR GOVERNMENT**
13 **AGENT.**

14 **(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A STOP, DETENTION, OR ARREST:**

15 **(1) RELATING TO A SUSPECTED CRIMINAL OFFENSE;**

16 **(2) MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VALID WARRANT;**

17 **(3) MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 3-814, 3-821, AND 3-8A-26 OF**
18 **THIS ARTICLE;**

19 **(4) FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT;**

20 **(5) MADE IN ORDER TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION UNDER § 3-105**
21 **OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE;**

22 **(6) MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 10-613 THROUGH 10-619 OF THE**
23 **HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE; OR**

24 **(7) OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE LAW.**

25 **(C) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, DETAIN, OR ARREST AN INDIVIDUAL FOR AN**
26 **ALLEGED OR ADJUDICATED OFFENSE THAT IS SUBJECT ONLY TO A CIVIL PENALTY**
27 **WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL IS IN A JUDICIAL FACILITY OR IS TRAVELING WITHIN 1 MILE**
28 **OF A JUDICIAL FACILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING A MEETING, A HEARING,**
29 **OR ANOTHER OFFICIAL PROCEEDING IN THE JUDICIAL FACILITY UNLESS THE**
30 **PERSON:**

1 **(1) PROVIDES PRIOR NOTICE TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE OR COURT**
2 **ADMINISTRATOR THAT A STOP, DETENTION, OR ARREST MAY OCCUR; AND**

3 **(2) MAKES THE STOP, DETENTION, OR ARREST IN A MANNER THAT**
4 **DOES NOT DISRUPT PROCEEDINGS OR DETER ACCESS TO JUSTICE BY ANY**
5 **INDIVIDUAL.**

6 **(D) EVIDENCE OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS**
7 **INADMISSIBLE AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL STOPPED, DETAINED, OR ARRESTED IN**
8 **ANY PROCEEDING OVER WHICH A STATE COURT OR STATE OR LOCAL ENTITY HAS**
9 **JURISDICTION.**

10 **(E) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL STOPPED, DETAINED, OR ARRESTED IN**
11 **VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BRING AN ACTION AGAINST A PERSON**
12 **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STOP, DETENTION, OR ARREST IN A COURT OF COMPETENT**
13 **JURISDICTION.**

14 **(2) IN AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY AWARD:**

15 **(I) DAMAGES;**

16 **(II) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; AND**

17 **(III) ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS.**

18 **(F) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO ENJOIN A**
19 **PERSON FROM COMMITTING A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intention of the
21 General Assembly that this Act shall supplement the protections provided under Chapter
22 718 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2026.