

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF THE MARYLAND STATES ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 270, CRIMES-INDECENT EXPOSURE-DEFINITION

The Maryland States Attorneys Association supports Senate Bill 270, Crimes-Indecent Exposure-Definition and urges a favorable report. The Bill is simple in that it makes it clear that engaging in an act of masturbation in public is an act of indecent exposure even if the genitalia of the offender are not exposed to the public view.

It would be difficult for anyone to argue that is in any way less offensive to the clear thinking people of this State to masturbate in public while covered than to publicly display genitalia. An individual should not be able to avoid responsibility for his despicable act by successfully managing to keep his genitalia from being seen while acting in such an offensive way.

We thank Senators Waldstreicher and Augustine for this proposed legislation and ask for a favorable report.