

Testimony Against HB0309

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report on HB0309

I oppose

- Prohibiting a person from being stopped, detained, or arrested for certain civil offenses while the individual is in a judicial facility or is traveling within 1 mile of a judicial facility for the purpose of attending a meeting, a hearing, or another official proceeding in the Judicial facility except under certain circumstances;
- establishing that evidence obtained in violation of the Act is inadmissible in a proceeding over which a State court or State or local agency has jurisdiction.

While I understand that a court proceeding should not be interrupted by arresting a person in a courtroom, I believe the rest of the bill expands the issue too far.

More importantly, the proposed punishment if an officer should make an arrest that is slightly within 1,000 feet or 1 mile of a judicial facility is outrageously too harsh. Not only is any evidence obtained thrown out, but the officer may face charges for making an arrest for “an alleged or adjudicated offense that is subject only to a civil penalty” within the “no arrest zone”.

Please enter an unfavorable report on HB0309

Alan Lang
45 Marys Mount Road
Harwood, Maryland 20776
Legislative District 30B
410-336-9745