

HOUSE BILL 1074

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2010

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Threatening, Assaulting, or Wounding Officer Attempting or**
3 **Interference with Service of Civil Process – Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from threatening, assaulting, or wounding an
5 officer attempting the lawful service of civil process with the intention of
6 obstructing the service or otherwise knowingly or intentionally interfering with
7 the service; providing a criminal penalty for a violation of this Act; and
8 generally relating to service of process.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Criminal Law
11 Section 3–709
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Criminal Law**

17 **3–709.**

18 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT THREATEN, ASSAULT, OR WOUND AN OFFICER**
19 **ATTEMPTING THE LAWFUL SERVICE OF CIVIL PROCESS WITH THE INTENTION OF**
20 **OBSTRUCTING THE SERVICE OR OTHERWISE KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY**
21 **INTERFERE WITH THE SERVICE.**

22 **(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**
23 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT**
24 **EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2010.