

Chapter 571

(House Bill 77)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Decriminalization of Attempted Suicide

FOR the purpose of providing that attempted suicide is not a crime in the State; ~~prohibiting a certain act, in itself, from being the basis of a certain criminal charge;~~ providing for the construction of this Act; providing that the common law offense of attempted suicide is abrogated and repealed; and generally relating to attempted suicide.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3–101.1 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 1. Suicide”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

Subtitle 1. [Assisted] Suicide.

3–101.1.

(A) **ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IS NOT A CRIME IN THE STATE.**

~~(B) **THE ACT OF ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE, IN ITSELF, MAY NOT FORM THE BASIS OF A CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST THE PERSON WHO ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.**~~

~~(C) **THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO COMMITS ONE OR MORE CRIMES IN THE COURSE OF ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE FROM BEING CHARGED WITH THE OTHER CRIME OR CRIMES.**~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the common law offense of attempted suicide is hereby abrogated and repealed.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.