

SENATE BILL 1021

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By: **Senator Raskin**

Introduced and read first time: February 20, 2012

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Manslaughter – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a penalty for manslaughter that subjects a person to
4 imprisonment in a local facility not exceeding 2 years or a certain fine or both;
5 and generally relating to the penalty for a person found guilty of manslaughter.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 2–207
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 2–207.

15 (a) A person who commits manslaughter is guilty of a felony and on
16 conviction is subject to[:

17 (1)] imprisonment not exceeding 10 years[; or

18 (2) imprisonment in a local correctional facility not exceeding 2 years
19 or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both].

20 (b) The discovery of one’s spouse engaged in sexual intercourse with another
21 does not constitute legally adequate provocation for the purpose of mitigating a killing

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 from the crime of murder to voluntary manslaughter even though the killing was
2 provoked by that discovery.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2012.