

SENATE BILL 334

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HB 321/24 – JUD

5lr1301
CF 5lr2789

By: **Senators Waldstreicher and Smith**
Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2025
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning – Prohibitions and**
3 **Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of malicious or
5 fraudulent burning that results in the death of or serious physical injury to a
6 firefighter; and generally relating to crimes of malicious or fraudulent burning.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 6–112
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 **6–112.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
17 **INDICATED.**

18 **(2) “CRIME OF MALICIOUS OR FRAUDULENT BURNING” MEANS A**
19 **VIOLATION OF § 6–104, § 6–105, OR § 6–106 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

20 **(3) “SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
21 **3–201 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT COMMIT A CRIME OF MALICIOUS OR FRAUDULENT**
2 **BURNING THAT RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO A**
3 **FIREFIGHTER.**

4 **(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND**
5 **ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS.**

6 **(D) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SEPARATE FROM**
7 **AND CONSECUTIVE TO OR CONCURRENT WITH A SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR ANY**
8 **CRIME BASED ON THE ACT ESTABLISHING THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2025.