

# SENATE BILL 790

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CF HB 427

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By: **Senator Hettleman**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Executive or Legislative Proceedings – Obstruction**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from obstructing or impeding or attempting to  
4 obstruct or impede an official proceeding of the Executive or Legislative Branch; and  
5 generally relating to obstruction of official proceedings.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Criminal Law  
8 Section 9–306  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 9–306.

15 (a) A person may not, by threat, force, or corrupt means, obstruct, impede, or try  
16 to obstruct or impede:

17 **(1)** the administration of justice in a court of the State; **OR**

18 **(2)** **AN OFFICIAL PROCEEDING OF THE EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE**  
19 **BRANCH.**

20 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction  
21 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.

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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, 2022.