

# SENATE BILL 606

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By: **Senators Benson, Sydnor, Griffith, Lee, Patterson, and Smith**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hate Crimes – Basis**  
3 **(2nd Lieutenant Richard Collins, III’s Law)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the basis on which a person is prohibited from taking certain  
5 actions against a certain person or group; and generally relating to hate crimes.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Criminal Law  
8 Section 10–304  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 10–304.

15 [Because of] **MOTIVATED EITHER IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY** another person’s or  
16 group’s race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national  
17 origin, or because another person or group is homeless, a person may not:

18 (1) (i) commit a crime or attempt or threaten to commit a crime against  
19 that person or group;

20 (ii) deface, damage, or destroy, or attempt or threaten to deface,  
21 damage, or destroy the real or personal property of that person or group; or

22 (iii) burn or attempt or threaten to burn an object on the real or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 personal property of that person or group; or

2 (2) commit a violation of item (1) of this section that:

3 (i) except as provided in item (ii) of this item, involves a separate  
4 crime that is a felony; or

5 (ii) results in the death of a victim.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2020.