

Chapter 545

(House Bill 674)

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – ~~Concealment of Death and Disturbing and~~ Dismembering or
Burying Human Remains With Intent to Conceal a Crime**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person, with the intent to conceal ~~the death of another a~~
~~crime~~, from ~~failing to notify emergency medical services or law enforcement~~
~~regarding the death~~, committing certain destructive acts to any part of human
remains, ~~or burying or otherwise disposing of a dead body~~; prohibiting a person from
aiding or abetting another in committing a violation of this Act; and generally
relating to ~~the prohibition against the intentional concealment of a death~~ crimes
relating to human remains.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–405

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

10–405.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT, WITH THE INTENT TO CONCEAL ~~THE DEATH OF~~
~~ANOTHER~~;

~~(1) FAIL TO CONTACT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OR LAW~~
~~ENFORCEMENT REGARDING THE DEATH OF THE PERSON;~~

~~(2) A CRIME, KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY DISMEMBER, DESTROY,~~
~~REMOVE, BURY, DISPOSE OF, OR OTHERWISE OBLITERATE BY ANY MEANS ANY~~
~~PORTION OF HUMAN REMAINS; OR~~

~~(3) BURY OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF A DEAD BODY.~~

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT AID OR ABET ANOTHER IN ~~COMMITTING A~~
~~VIOLATION~~ VIOLATING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

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

(D) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION ~~SHALL~~ MAY BE CONSECUTIVE TO ~~AND NOT~~ OR CONCURRENT WITH ANY OTHER SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR ANY OTHER CRIME BASED ON THE ACT ESTABLISHING THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.