

HOUSE BILL 674

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CF SB 394

By: **Delegates Kaufman, Allen, Lopez, McComas, T. Morgan, Phillips, Shetty, Taveras, Tomlinson, Wims, and Woorman**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Concealment of Death and Disturbing and Dismembering**
3 **Human Remains**

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

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Criminal Law
12 Section 10–405
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Criminal Law**

18 **10–405.**

19 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT, WITH THE INTENT TO CONCEAL THE DEATH OF**
20 **ANOTHER:**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY DISMEMBER, DESTROY, REMOVE, OR**
2 **OTHERWISE OBLITERATE BY ANY MEANS ANY PORTION OF HUMAN REMAINS; OR**

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

4 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT AID OR ABET ANOTHER IN COMMITTING A**
5 **VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

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

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

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