

HOUSE BILL

By: *[insert name here, school and school email]*

Assigned to: *[committee name here, will be filled in by AG]*

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

[Short Title]

FOR the purpose of *[insert purpose]*.

BY repealing, and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - *[article name]*

Section #-###

Annotated Code of Maryland (2024)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – *[article name]*

§ #-###.

[insert text here. New additions should be ALL CAPS. Existing text should be normal case.

Removed text should be ~~struck through~~.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect *[date]*.

Notes/Tips:

- Your Section #-### should always be singular, regardless of if you are talking about more than one section
- Before Section 2, you can choose to add a special section, such as a severability clause or repeal of inconsistent laws clause: Example of a severability clause is as follows:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this Act or the application of any provision of this Act to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.”

Or, if you would like the full bill repealed instead:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 1-210 of the General Provisions Article, the provisions of this Act are not severable, and if any provision of this Act or the application of any provision of this Act to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, no other provision or application of this Act may be given effect.”

- The usual effective date of an act is October 1st, with the following exceptions:
 - Bond Acts (June 1st)
 - Tax and budget related issues (July 1st)
 - Situations that logically require effective date (e.g. adding additional members to a board if the terms begin July 1st, education policy changes, etc)
 - Specific requests by the sponsor