

HOUSE BILL 321

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By: **Delegate Attar**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Crimes of Arson – Prohibitions and Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of arson that
4 causes injury to a firefighter under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
5 crimes of arson.

6 BY adding to
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 6–112
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 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 **6–112.**

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “CRIME OF ARSON” MEANS A VIOLATION, AN ATTEMPT
16 TO COMMIT A VIOLATION, OR A CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A VIOLATION OF:

17 (1) § 6–102, § 6–103, § 6–104, § 6–105, § 6–106, OR § 6–108 OF THIS
18 SUBTITLE; OR

19 (2) § 5–704 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

20 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT COMMIT A CRIME OF ARSON THAT CAUSES AN
21 INJURY TO A FIREFIGHTER DURING:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) THE RESPONSE TO THE FIRE; OR**

2 **(2) THE EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE FIRE.**

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

5 **(D) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SEPARATE FROM**
6 **AND CONSECUTIVE TO A SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR ANY CRIME BASED ON THE ACT**
7 **ESTABLISHING THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2024.