

## **Chapter 570**

**(Senate Bill 977)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Freedom of Speech – Picketing at a Funeral – Distance**

FOR the purpose of altering the distance within which a person is prohibited from engaging in picketing activities at a funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession; and generally relating to picketing at a funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 10–205(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Criminal Law**

10–205.

(c) A person may not engage in picketing activity within ~~[100]~~ **500** feet of a funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession that is targeted at one or more persons attending the funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.**