

CHAPTER 334

(Senate Bill 169)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Threats Against State and Local Officials

FOR the purpose of prohibiting threats against certain local officials; and generally relating to threats against State and local officials.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 561A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

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Article – State Government

Section 10-101(d) and 15-102(kk)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

561A.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) ~~(i)~~ “LOCAL OFFICIAL” MEANS AN ~~ELECTED OFFICER~~ INDIVIDUAL SERVING IN A PUBLICLY ELECTED OFFICE OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AS DEFINED IN § 10-101(D) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

~~(ii) “LOCAL OFFICIAL” INCLUDES AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OF AN OFFICE, BOARD OR DEPARTMENT THAT IS ESTABLISHED IN A COUNTY UNDER STATE LAW OR PUBLIC LOCAL LAW.~~

~~[(2)](3)~~ (i) “State official” means a State official as defined in § 15-102 of the State Government Article.

(ii) “State official” includes the Governor, Governor-elect, Lieutenant Governor, and Lieutenant Governor-elect.

~~[(3)](4)~~ “Threat” includes:

(i) A verbal threat; or