

HOUSE BILL 1041

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By: **Delegates Cardin, Attar, Rosenberg, and Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 5, 2024

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hate Crimes – Religion and Disability**

3 FOR the purpose of defining “disability” as it relates to laws prohibiting hate crimes;
4 prohibiting a person from committing or attempting to commit certain crimes
5 motivated either in whole or in substantial part by another person’s religion; and
6 generally relating to hate crimes.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 10–301 and 10–304

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 10–301.

16 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 **(B) “DISABILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL AMERICANS**
18 **WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12102.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.