

# SENATE BILL 962

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **January 6th Insurrectionists – Prohibition on Service in Certain Government**  
3 **Roles**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting individuals convicted of certain crimes in relation to the  
5 attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, from serving in certain  
6 government roles; requiring an appointing authority to take certain actions to  
7 remove or terminate the employment of an individual serving in a role in violation  
8 of this Act; and generally relating to individuals convicted of crimes in relation to the  
9 attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – State Government  
12 Section 10–1701(d)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – State Government  
17 Section 10–1703  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 Preamble

21 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, a violent mob, incited by false claims of a stolen  
22 election, attacked the United States Capitol in an attempt to disrupt the peaceful transfer  
23 of presidential power guaranteed by the United States Constitution; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The January 6th attack represented an unprecedented assault on  
2 American democracy, resulting in significant injuries and death to courageous law  
3 enforcement officers; and

4 WHEREAS, Individuals convicted of crimes related to the January 6th insurrection  
5 engaged in violent, lawless, and seditious actions that deliberately sought to subvert our  
6 democracy, intimidate government officials, and flout constitutional norms; and

7 WHEREAS, Public service in the State of Maryland requires fidelity to the United  
8 States Constitution, respect for the rule of law, and a commitment to protecting the  
9 integrity of government institutions against threats, both foreign and domestic; and

10 WHEREAS, Public service is a privilege, and allowing individuals convicted of  
11 crimes in relation to the January 6th attack to hold positions of public trust would threaten  
12 the functioning of government, undermine public confidence, and place the authority of the  
13 State in the hands of those who have already sought to violently overthrow lawful  
14 institutions; now, therefore,

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 10–1701.

19 (d) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this  
20 subsection, an individual or entity that appointed a member may remove or suspend the  
21 member in accordance with subsection (c) of this section only after:

22 (i) consultation with the chair of the board, committee, commission,  
23 task force, or workgroup; and

24 (ii) the member has been given notice and an opportunity to be heard  
25 regarding the reason for removal or suspension.

26 (2) The requirements of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection do not apply if  
27 the member being removed or suspended is the chair of the board, committee, commission,  
28 task force, or workgroup.

29 **(3) THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO**  
30 **NOT APPLY IF THE MEMBER IS SUBJECT TO REMOVAL UNDER § 10–1703 OF THIS**  
31 **SUBTITLE.**

32 **10–1703.**

1           **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF A CRIME IN**  
2 **RELATION TO THE ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021,**  
3 **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PARDONED.**

4           **(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING ON:**

5                   **(1) A STANDING COMMITTEE, AS DEFINED IN § 2-101 OF THIS**  
6 **ARTICLE; OR**

7                   **(2) A COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

8           **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN INDIVIDUAL**  
9 **CONVICTED OF A CRIME IN RELATION TO THE ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES**  
10 **CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021, MAY NOT SERVE:**

11                   **(1) ON A BOARD, COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, TASK FORCE, OR**  
12 **WORKGROUP CREATED BY STATE LAW;**

13                   **(2) IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE OF STATE GOVERNMENT, AS DEFINED**  
14 **IN § 6-404 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE; OR**

15                   **(3) IN A POSITION CATEGORIZED AS A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT UNDER**  
16 **§ 6-405 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE.**

17           **(D) IF AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY DETERMINES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS**  
18 **SERVING IN A ROLE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY**  
19 **SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REMOVE OR TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF**  
20 **THE INDIVIDUAL.**

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2026.