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Delegate Mangione Press Release Introducing Monument Protection Act of 2021

Delegate Nino Mangione announced the pre filing of legislation for the 2021 Session of the Maryland General Assembly designed to instill accountability for the vandalizing of Maryland monuments.

The draft legislation calls for prohibiting any person or entity from destroying, damaging, vandalizing, or desecrating a monument, memorial, or statue of historical significance within the State of Maryland. The punishment calls for a mandatory 6 months incarceration and/or a fine of up to $500 for minor damages. Or up to 10 years and/or a fine of $2,500 for major damages.

Delegate Mangione stated, "The lawless behavior we have seen exhibited in recent days by Antifa like mobs is a threat and embarrassment to every Marylander. This legislation holds these criminals accountable for their behavior and seeks to put an end to this lawlessness. I regret having to take this step but it is necessary given what has happened and the total failure of Baltimore's elected leadership to take action. They have encouraged this behavior by sitting on their hands and doing nothing."

Delegate Mangione continued, "This gives us the opportunity to stand up to this criminal behavior and say no more. We will not accept mob rule, intolerant behavior or lawless behavior in Maryland any longer. No more excuses and no more delays."

Delegate Mangione stated that he would begin adding co-sponsors in the House and looking for a cross file in the Senate immediately.

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