

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Litter Control Law".

(b) It is the intention of the legislature by this section to provide for uniform prohibition throughout the State of Maryland of any and all littering on public or private property, and to curb thereby the desecration of the beauty of the State and harm to the health, welfare and safety of its citizens caused by individuals who litter. However, to permit more active enforcement of littering prohibitions within a municipality, the legislative body of a municipality may prohibit littering, as does this section, and classify littering as a municipal infraction under Article 23A, Section 3(b) of the Code.

(c) As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words or phrases shall have the following meanings:

(1) The word "litter" means all rubbish, waste matter, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals or other discarded materials of every kind and description.

(2) The phrase "public or private property" means the right-of-way of any road or highway; any body of water or watercourse or the shores or beaches thereof; any park, parking facility, playground, public service company property or transmission line right-of-way, building, refuge or conservation or recreation area, any residential or farm properties, timberlands or forest.

(d) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this State, or any waters in this State, unless:

(i) Such property is designated by the State or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;

(ii) Such litter is placed into a litter receptacle or container installed on such property;

(iii) Such person is the owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property; or has first obtained consent