

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 175**

**(House Bill 1239)**

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George's County - Litter Control**

**PG 311-00**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to adopt an ordinance to prohibit littering under certain circumstances; imposing certain penalties for certain violations; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to Prince George's County and litter control.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 468

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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**

468.

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

(b) (1) 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.

(2) [However, to] TO permit more active enforcement of littering prohibitions within [a municipality, the] ITS BOUNDARIES:

(I) THE legislative body of a [municipality] MUNICIPAL CORPORATION may prohibit littering, as does this section, and classify littering as a municipal infraction under Article 23A, § 3(b) of the Code; AND

(II) THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT LITTERING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SECTION, AND FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, MAY IMPOSE CRIMINAL