

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 383

(Senate Bill 390)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Disturbance of the Public Peace and Disorderly Conduct

FOR the purpose of repealing and revising provisions of law related to disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct; prohibiting certain obstructions or hindrances of free passage in certain places; prohibiting persons from acting in a disorderly manner to the disturbance of the public peace; prohibiting a person from willfully failing to obey certain orders of law enforcement officers under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from disturbing the public peace by unreasonably loud noise in certain places under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from acting in a disorderly manner under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain fires in Worcester County under certain circumstances; repealing provisions of law relating to interrupting or disturbing certain religious organizations in a certain manner; providing that disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct offenses may be charged by citation by a police officer under certain circumstances; providing that the Committee Notes contained in this Act are not law; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to disturbing the public peace and disorderly conduct.

BY repealing

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 121 and 122 and the subheading "Disturbance of the Public Peace"; 123 and 124 and the subheading "Disorderly Conduct"; and 470 and the subheading "Religious Meetings"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 121 to be under the new subheading "Disturbing the Public Peace and Disorderly Conduct"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments