

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 83
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 85
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 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

81.

~~{The} EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 83 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE words~~
~~WORD~~ “flag” l, “standard”, “color”, “ensign”, or “shield” l, as used in this subtitle,
shall include any flag, standard, color, ensign or shield l, or copy, picture or
representation thereof, l made of any substance or represented or produced thereon,
and of any size, evidently purporting to be such flag, standard, color, ensign or shield of
the United States or of this State l, or a copy, picture or representation thereof l.

[83.

No person shall publicly mutilate, deface, defile, defy, trample upon, or by word
or act cast contempt upon any such flag, standard, color, ensign or shield.]

83.

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “FLAG” MEANS THE FLAG OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.~~

~~(2) IN THIS SECTION, “FLAG” DOES NOT INCLUDE A COPY,
PICTURE, OR REPRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
OR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.~~

~~(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE BURNING OR
DESTRUCTION OF A FLAG FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF A WORN
FLAG.~~

~~(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A
PERSON MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY DESTROY, BURN, OR MUTILATE A
FLAG.~~

A PERSON MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY MUTILATE, DEFACE, DESTROY,
BURN, TRAMPLE UPON, OR OTHERWISE USE A FLAG.