

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved April 11, 1953.

CHAPTER 407

(Senate Bill 100)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 119-126, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously"; to repeal Section 335 of said Article, sub-title "Graveyard Desecration"; to repeal Section 628 of said Article, sub-title "Telegraphs and Telephones—Injury to"; to repeal Section 663 of said Article, sub-title "Trees, etc.—Destruction of"; and to enact a new Section 119 in lieu thereof, said new section to stand in the place and stead of the Section 119 so repealed, and to be under the sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously", repealing a number of sections of the criminal laws of this State having to do generally with the destruction or injury of property belonging to others and substituting a general provision in lieu of the several sections so repealed.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Resolution adopted during the General Assembly of 1952, there has been appointed a Commission to Revise Article 27 of the Code, this Article having to do generally with criminal laws and offenses; and

WHEREAS, as a preliminary part of its work, the Commission has determined that a number of sections in Article 27, having to do generally with the destruction or injury of property belonging to another, may be repealed with a brief and general provision to be substituted in the place of the several sections so repealed; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 119-126, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously"; Section 335 of said Article, sub-title "Graveyard Dese-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.