

CHAPTER 552  
(Senate Bill 476)

AN ACT to add new Section 577A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Trespass", to follow immediately after Section 577 thereof, providing that any person, not having lawful business therein or acting in a manner disruptive of usual business therein, who refuses or fails to leave a public building or grounds, or specific portion thereof, of a public agency or public institution upon being requested to do so by an authorized employee thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and providing penalties therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 577A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Trespass", to follow immediately after Section 577 thereof, and to read as follows:

*577A. Public Buildings and Grounds.*

(1) *Any person refusing or failing to leave a public building or grounds, or specific portion thereof, of a public agency or public institution during those hours of the day or night when the building, grounds, or specific portion thereof, is regularly closed to the public, upon being requested to do so by a regularly employed guard, watchman or other authorized employee of the public agency or institution owning, operating or maintaining the building or property, if the surrounding circumstances are such as to indicate to a reasonable man that such person has no apparent lawful business to pursue at such place, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.*

(2) *Any person refusing or failing to leave a public building or grounds, or specific portion thereof, of a public agency or public institution during regular business hours, upon being requested to do so by an authorized employee of the public agency or institution owning, operating or maintaining the building or property, if the surrounding circumstances are such as to indicate to a reasonable man that such person has no apparent lawful business to pursue at such place or is acting in a manner disruptive of and disturbing to the conduct of normal business by such agency or institution, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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AN ACT to authorize and empower the University of Maryland to acquire by condemnation a certain tract of land, containing ap-