

WHEREAS, As an integral part of its responsibility, the Governor's Commission was charged by Governor Mandel in 1970 to Revise the Annotated Code to study and make recommendations concerning related problems in the public local laws which may be perceived during the course of Code Commission activities. In conjunction with the in-depth research on the Courts Article, related material in the Public Local Laws of Washington County was discovered which is in conflict with current provisions of the law and in adopted style; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 27-3, 27-6, 27-10(f), 27-11, 28-24, 35-2 and 37-1 of the Public Local Laws of Washington County being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1970 Edition) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

#### Article 22

27-3.

[If] UPON CONVICTION BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, any person [shall alter or change] WHO ALTERS OR CHANGES, or in any manner [obstruct or encroach] OBSTRUCTS OR ENCROACHES on any of [said] THE roads, or [cut] CUTS down, or [destroy, deface] DESTROYS, DEFACES or [injure] INJURES any of the bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks, directions or other establishment [thereon] RELATING TO COUNTY ROADS, [he] shall [, on conviction in the Circuit Court,] be fined [at the discretion of the court,] not exceeding [twenty-five dollars,] \$25 according to the nature and degree of the offense.

27-6.

Upon refusal or neglect of [such] THE person to comply with the orders of the [said] Commissioners within [ninety] 90 days from the date of [said] THE notice as returned by the sheriff, he [shall be deemed] IS guilty of a misdemeanor, and [after presentment and indictment by a grand jury,] upon conviction, [thereof] shall be fined [the sum of five dollars] \$5 per day for [each and] every day that [said] THE fence or other obstruction [shall remain] REMAINS after the expiration of [ninety] 90 days from the date of the giving of [said] THE notice, together with all costs incurred[; the said]. THE fine IS to be recovered in the manner provided by law for the recovery of fines, penalties and forfeitures[, and]. IF THE CONVICTION OCCURS IN A CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDING, THE FINE IS to be paid to the [said] county commissioners for