

False Alarms - Ambulances

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the making of a false call for an ambulance or rescue squad; and removing obsolete language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 156
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 156 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

156.

It [shall be] IS unlawful for any person knowingly to give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire by means of the telegraph box connected with any fire alarm telegraph or by means of telephone or telegraph system, or by any other means or method. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON KNOWINGLY TO GIVE OR CAUSE TO BE GIVEN A FALSE CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE OR RESCUE SQUAD BY MEANS OF TELEPHONE OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS OR METHOD. Any person violating the provisions of this section [shall be] IS guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction [thereof, shall be], IS subject to a fine of not more than [two thousand dollars] \$2000, or to imprisonment not exceeding [twenty-four] 24 months, or to both fine and imprisonment. [In Baltimore City, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City shall have jurisdiction to try persons charged with violating this section, provided that persons so convicted in the Municipal Court shall not be sentenced to the penitentiary by that court.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 29, 1977.

CHAPTER 159

(Senate Bill 101)

AN ACT concerning