

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 29, 1977.

CHAPTER 212

(Senate Bill 821)

AN ACT concerning

Trespass - Amount of Fine

FOR the purpose of altering the possible fine for trespassing in certain cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 577
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 577 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and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

577.

(A) Any person or persons who [shall remain] REMAINS upon, [enter] ENTERS upon or [cross] CROSSES over the land, premises or private property, including boarding any boat or other marine vessel, of any person or persons in this State after having been duly notified by the owner or his agent not to do so [shall be deemed] IS CONSIDERED guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction [thereof] be fined not more than [one hundred dollars, provided that nothing in this section shall] \$500. THIS SECTION MAY NOT be construed to include within its provisions the entry upon or crossing over any land when such entry or crossing is done under a bona fide claim or right of ownership of said land, it being the intention of this section only to prohibit any wanton trespass upon the private land of others. [Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall]

(B) THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT preclude the mayor and city council of Baltimore from enacting legislation making it unlawful or prohibitory to refuse, withhold