

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

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 300

(Senate Bill 167)

AN ACT concerning

Interference in Athletic Events

FOR the purpose of providing that certain persons who interfere in certain athletic and sporting contests in a certain manner shall be guilty of a crime; providing definitions; and providing penalties.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 125 1/2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 125 1/2 be and it is hereby added to Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

125 1/2.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(2) "COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC CONTEST" MEANS ANY ATHLETIC OR SPORTING EVENT HELD IN PUBLIC STADIUMS, ARENAS, FIELDS, OR HALLS OF THIS STATE WHICH HAS AN ADMISSION CHARGE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(3) "OBJECT" MEANS ANY ITEM WHICH, ~~IN THE OPINION OF THE ARRESTING OFFICER,~~ MAY CAUSE INJURY TO A PARTICIPANT OR OBSERVER OF THE COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC CONTEST.

(B) A PERSON WHO DISRUPTS OR INTERFERES WITH A COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC CONTEST BY THROWING OR PROJECTING AN OBJECT ONTO THE PLAYING OR SEATING AREA IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE