

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

Approved May 17, 1977.

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CHAPTER 384

(House Bill 92)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Indecent Exposure

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting certain acts commonly known as indecent exposure; and providing for a penalty upon conviction~~ specifying a penalty for persons convicted of the common law crime of indecent exposure.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 335A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 122  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

Preamble

It is the intent of this legislation to define the distinction between the disorderly conduct form of indecent exposure and that type of indecent exposure which is viewed as not merely a nuisance to society as a matter of course, but which is also offensive, alarming, or harmful to an individual member of that society.

The legislation prohibits overt conduct; actual exposure under circumstances in which it would be offensive or alarming; yet, the law does not prohibit "exposure" in places which are designed for that type of activity.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 335A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated