

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

Approved May 26, 1977.

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CHAPTER 885

(Senate Bill 359)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County - Loitering

FOR the purpose of prohibiting and regulating certain conduct in certain situations in Calvert County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County  
Section 273 to be under the new subtitle  
"Loitering"  
Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1963 Edition and 1970 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 273 to be under the new subtitle "Loitering" be and it is hereby added to the Public Local Laws of Calvert County being Article 5 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1963 Edition and 1970 Supplement, as amended) to read as follows:

Article 5

LOITERING

273.

(A) DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(1) LOITER. "LOITER" MEANS TO IDLE, STAND, REMAIN, GATHER OR BE A MEMBER OF A GROUP OR CROWD OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GATHERED TOGETHER ON ANY COMMERCIAL PREMISES WITHOUT CONDUCTING ANY LAWFUL BUSINESS WITH THE OWNER OR OPERATION THEREOF, OR HAVING PATRONIZED THOSE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO REMAIN ON SUCH PREMISES HAVING BEEN DIRECTED TO LEAVE BY THE OWNER, OPERATOR, OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT.

(2) COMMERCIAL PREMISES. "COMMERCIAL PREMISES" MEANS ANY BUSINESS PREMISES OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR TO WHICH THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED OR PERMITTED, INCLUDING PARKING LOTS ADJACENT TO OR CONNECTED WITH THOSE PREMISES AND SIDEWALKS USED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC