

AN ACT concerning

Arrest Without Warrant - Giving False
Fire Alarms

FOR the purpose of providing that under certain circumstances a police officer may arrest without a warrant any person who commits a crime of giving or causing to be given a false fire alarm; and making certain changes to the language and style of expression of certain provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 594B(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

594B.

(d) A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant if he has probable cause to believe:

(1) That an offense listed in subsection (e) of this section has been committed, and

(2) That the person has committed [such] THE offense, and

(3) That unless the person is immediately arrested,

(i) He may not be apprehended, or

(ii) He may cause injury to the person or damage to the property of one or more other persons, or

(iii) He may tamper with, dispose of, or destroy evidence.

(e) The offenses referred to in subsection (d) of this section are:

(1) Those offenses specified in the following sections of Article 27, as they may be amended from time to time: