

## CHAPTER 219

(House Bill 1303)

AN ACT concerning

## Arson and Burning - Trash Containers

FOR the purpose of providing it is unlawful to set fire to, burn, or attempt to burn the contents of any dumpster, trash container, or ~~receptacle~~ receptacle; and specifying penalties for these offenses.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 9A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

9A.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY SET FIRE TO, BURN, OR ATTEMPT TO BURN THE CONTENTS OF ANY DUMPSTER OR ANY OTHER TRASH CONTAINER OR ~~RECEPTACLE~~ RECEPTACLE BELONGING TO ANOTHER PERSON.

(B) A PERSON CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO BE FINED UP TO \$500 OR IMPRISONED FOR A PERIOD UP TO 30 DAYS, OR BOTH FINED AND IMPRISONED IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved April 22, 1980.

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## CHAPTER 220

(House Bill 1337)

AN ACT concerning