

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

10A.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to burn or cause to be burned any cross or other religious symbol upon any private or public property within this State without the express consent of the owner of such property and without first giving notice to the fire department which services the area in which such burning is to take place. Any person or persons who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ FELONY and shall suffer punishment [by imprisonment in the county or Baltimore City jail] for a period not to exceed ~~1-year~~ 3 YEARS or shall be fined an amount not to exceed ~~\$2,000~~ \$5,000 or shall suffer both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

~~(B)--IF-A-PERSON-PREVIOUSLY-CONVICTED-OF-VIOLATING--THE PROVISIONS-OF-SUBSECTION-(A)-OF-THIS-SECTION-IS-SUBSEQUENTLY CONVICTED--FOR-VIOLATING-THE-PROVISIONS-OF-THIS-SECTION,--THE PERSON-IS-GUILTY-OF-A-FELONY-AND-PUNISHABLE-BY--IMPRISONMENT FOR--A--PERIOD-NOT-EXCEEDING-3-YEARS-OR-A-FINE-NOT-EXCEEDING \$5,000,--OR-BOTH-~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

CHAPTER 410

(House Bill 1010)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

FOR the purpose of providing that awards for medical treatment, services, and appliances, and funeral expenses may be made under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act