

certain cases; and providing a penalty for such failure.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 12C  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

12C.

(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CITATION:

(1) FOR A VIOLATION OF A PARKING ORDINANCE OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER TITLE 26, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;

(2) ADOPTED BY THE STATE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 26-406 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, FOR USE IN TRAFFIC OFFENSES; OR

(3) PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES UNDER § 1-205 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

(B) (1) IF A DEFENDANT FAILS TO APPEAR IN COURT IN RESPONSE TO A CITATION, A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST.

~~(2) A PERSON WHO IS FOUND GUILTY OF FAILING TO APPEAR IN COURT IN RESPONSE TO A CITATION IS GUILTY OF FAILURE TO APPEAR IN RESPONSE TO A CITATION IS A MISDEMEANOR AND. A PERSON WHO IS FOUND GUILTY OF FAILURE TO APPEAR IN RESPONSE TO A CITATION SHALL BE FINED NOT IN EXCESS OF \$500 OR INCARCERATED FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS, OR BOTH. HOWEVER, IN NO EVENT SHALL THE FINE OR INCARCERATION EXCEED THE FINE OR PUNISHMENT FOR THE OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE DEFENDANT WAS ORIGINALLY CHARGED.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved April 13, 1982.

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