

of the owner or tenant in lawful possession, or unless the act is done under the personal direction of said owner or tenant, all in a manner consistent with the public welfare.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to throw, dump, or deposit any trash, junk, or other refuse upon any highway, or to perform any act which constitutes a violation of the State of Maryland's Vehicle Laws relative to putting trash, glass and other prohibited substances on highways.

(e) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (d) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by:

(1) A fine of not more than [\$250.00] \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment, or, in lieu thereof,

(2) In the sound discretion of any court in which conviction is obtained, any such person may be directed by the judge of such court to pick up and remove from any public street or highway or public or private right-of-way, or public beach or public park, or, with prior permission of the legal owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, any private property upon which it has been established by competent evidence that he has deposited litter, any and all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of execution of sentence but if,

(3) The violation of a provision of subsection (d) of this section also constitutes a violation of another article of this Code which imposes a more severe punishment, then that punishment may also be imposed.

(f) Whenever litter is thrown, deposited, dropped or dumped from any motor vehicle, boat, airplane or other conveyance in violation of subsection (d) of this section, and if the vehicle, boat, airplane or other conveyance has two or more occupants and it cannot be determined which occupant is the violator, the owner of the vehicle, boat, airplane or other conveyance, if present, shall be presumed to be responsible for the violation; in the absence of the owner of the vehicle, boat, airplane or other conveyance, the operator shall be presumed to be responsible for the violation. Furthermore, licenses to operate such conveyances may be suspended for a period not to exceed seven days together with, or in lieu of, penalties provided in subsection (e) of this section.

(G) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF THE FACTS OF ANY CASE IN WHICH A PERSON IS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING THIS SECTION ARE SUFFICIENT TO PROVE THAT THE PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIOLATION, IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT THE OWNER