

making stylistic and technical changes; and generally relating to the disposition of alcoholic beverages offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 403B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

403B.

(a) For purposes of this section, a violation of the provisions of this subheading is deemed a Code violation and is a civil offense.

(b) A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a citation to a person if the officer has probable cause to believe that a person is committing or has committed a Code violation.

(c) (1) A citation issued under this section shall be signed by the issuing officer and shall contain:

(i) The name and address of the person charged;

(ii) The person's signature;

(iii) The statute allegedly violated;

(iv) The date, location, and time that the violation occurred;

(v) The [amount of the fine assessed] ~~PENALTY~~  
FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED;

(vi) [The manner, location, and time in which the fine may be paid to the issuing jurisdiction] A NOTICE STATING THAT PREPAYMENT OF THE ~~PENALTY~~ FINE IS NOT PERMITTED; and

(vii) [The person's right to elect to stand trial for the infraction] A NOTICE STATING THAT THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL PROMPTLY SEND THE PERSON A SUMMONS TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL.