

AN ACT concerning

~~Criminal-Interference-with-Religion---Ethnic-Crimes~~
~~Religious-Property-or-Beliefs~~
Religious and Ethnic Crimes

FOR the purpose of making it a crime to deface, damage, or destroy or attempt to deface, damage, or destroy religious real or personal property under certain circumstances; making it a crime to obstruct, or attempt to obstruct by force or threat of force, a person in the free exercise of that person's religious beliefs; ~~making-it-a-separate-crime-to-commit-a-crime-upon-a-person-or-damage-a-person's-property-because-of-that-person's-race,color,religion,or-national-origin, under-certain-circumstances; making it a separate crime to harass or commit a crime upon a person or damage a person's property because of that person's race, color, religious beliefs, or national origin;~~ establishing certain penalties a-certain-penalty certain penalties; and generally relating to ~~criminal-interference-with-religious-real-or-personal-property-and-or-beliefs~~ religious and ethnic crimes.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 470A to be under the new subheading "Religious Real Property--and--Beliefs-and-Ethnic-Crimes Property-or Beliefs and Ethnic Crimes"
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

~~RELIGIOUS REAL-PROPERTY-AND-BELIEFS-AND-ETHNIC-CRIMES~~
PROPERTY-OR-BELIEFS AND ETHNIC CRIMES

470A.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "RELIGIOUS REAL PROPERTY" INCLUDES--CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE,--OR-RELIGIOUS-CEMETERY,--SCHOOL,--EDUCATIONAL-FACILITY--OR