

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 562E 7A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 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

562E-

~~{A}--EXCEPT--AS--PROVIDED--IN--SUBSECTION--(B)--OF--THIS--SECTION,  
THE--PROHIBITED--THREATS--DESCRIBED--IN--§§--561--AND--562--OF--THIS  
SUBTITLE--SHALL--INCLUDE--THREATS--TO--SET--FIRE--TO,  
OR--AID,  
COUNSEL,  
OR--PROCURE--THE--BURNING--OF--ANY--OF--THE--BUILDINGS  
OR--PROPERTY--DESCRIBED--IN--§--6--OR--§--7--OF--THIS--ARTICLE.~~

~~{B}--IN--A--PROSECUTION--FOR--A--VIOLATION--OF--§--562--OF--THIS  
SUBHEADING,  
THE--PROHIBITED--THREATS--UNDER--SUBSECTION--(A)--OF--THIS  
SECTION~~

7A.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT THREATEN EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING  
TO:

(1) SET FIRE TO ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR PROPERTY  
DESCRIBED UNDER § 6 OR § 7 OF THIS SUBHEADING; OR

(2) EXPLODE A DESTRUCTIVE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AS DEFINED  
UNDER § 139B OF THIS ARTICLE IN, ON, OR UNDER ANY BUILDING,  
STRUCTURE, OR PROPERTY DESCRIBED UNDER § 6 OR § 7 OF THIS  
SUBHEADING.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS  
GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO  
IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

(C) IN A PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, A  
VERBAL THREAT SHALL BE CORROBORATED BY A THIRD PERSON.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 19, 1989.

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