

CHAPTER 474

(Senate Bill 772)

AN ACT concerning

Litter Control Act - Violations

FOR the purpose of eliminating a certain exception to certain prohibited actions under the Litter Control Act; providing certain penalties; authorizing a court to order certain actions; ~~authorizing the Attorney General to take certain actions;~~ authorizing the use of certain fines for certain purposes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to violations of the Litter Control Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 468(c), (d)(1), (e), ~~(h)~~, and (j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1992 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

468.

(c) As used in this section[, unless the context clearly requires otherwise,] the following words or phrases shall have the following meanings:

(1) The word "litter" means all rubbish, waste matter, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals or other discarded materials of every kind and description.

(2) The phrase "public or private property" means the right-of-way of any road or highway; any body of water or watercourse or the shores or beaches thereof; any park, parking facility, playground, public service company property or transmission line right-of-way, building, refuge or conservation or recreation area, any residential or farm properties, timberlands or forest.

(3) THE WORD "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION.

(4) THE PHRASE "COMMERCIAL PURPOSE" MEANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC GAIN.

(d) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this State, or any waters in this State, unless: