

(1993 Replacement Volume and 2000 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

[Sabotage Prevention]

[535.

As used in this subtitle:

“Highway” includes any private or public street, way or other place used for travel to or from property.

“Highway commissioners” means any individual, board or other body having authority under then existing law to discontinue the use of the highway which it is desired to restrict or close to public use and travel.

“Public utility” includes any pipeline, gas, electric, heat, water, oil, sewer, telephone, telegraph, radio, railway, railroad, airplane, transportation, communication or other system, by whomsoever owned or operated for public use.]

[536.

Whoever intentionally destroys, impairs, injures, interferes or tampers with real or personal property with reasonable grounds to believe that such act will hinder, delay or interfere with the preparation of the United States or of any of the states for defense or for war, or with the prosecution of war by the United States, or by any country with which the United States shall then maintain friendly relations, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten (10) years, or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or both; provided, if such person so acts with the intent to hinder, delay or interfere with the preparation of the United States or of any of the states for defense or for war, or with the prosecution of war by the United States, or by any country with which the United States shall then maintain friendly relations, the minimum punishment shall, upon conviction, be imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one (1) year and the maximum punishment shall be as above provided.]

[537.

Whoever intentionally makes or causes to be made or omits to note on inspection any defect in any article or thing with reasonable grounds to believe that such article or thing is intended to be used in connection with the preparation of the United States or any of the states for the defense or for war, or for the prosecution of war by the United States, or by any country with which the United States shall then maintain friendly relations, or that such article or thing is one of the number of similar articles or things, some of which are intended so to be used, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten (10) years, or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both; provided, if such person so acts or so fails to act with the intent to hinder, delay or