

[(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of not less than \$25.]

8-2001.

(a) Any person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, unless another penalty is specifically provided elsewhere in this title, the person is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500, with costs imposed in the discretion of the court. Every fine and cost shall be paid in accordance with Article 38, § 4 of the Code.

(b) Any person found guilty of a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this title in a court of competent jurisdiction, unless another penalty is specifically provided elsewhere in this title, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year, or both with costs imposed in the discretion of the court. For the purpose of this subsection, a second or subsequent violation is a violation which has occurred within 2 years of any prior violation of this title.

(c) In addition to any administrative penalty provided in this title, violation of any regulation or restriction adopted by any unit within the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to the provisions of this title is a misdemeanor and is punishable as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 353

(House Bill 216)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Membership

FOR the purpose of providing certain law enforcement officers with the option to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the election for certain law enforcement officers to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 26-202

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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