

In subsection (a)(5) of this section, the reference to "this article" is retained, although portions of former Article 27 have been revised in other articles. Because the reference to "this article", in context, applies to the substantive criminal law of the State, and this article comprises substantially all of the substantive criminal provisions formerly contained in Article 27, no substantive change results.

Also in subsection (a)(5) of this section, the former reference to the "terms" of this article is deleted as included in the reference to the "provisions" of this article.

In subsection (a)(6) of this section, the reference to the provisions "of this section" is substituted for the former reference to the provisions "hereinafter enacted" for clarity and accuracy. Correspondingly, the reference to the results "described in this subsection" is substituted for the former reference to the results "herein set forth".

In subsection (c) of this section, the defined term "person" is substituted for the former references to an "individual" for consistency within this article.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to assembling with another "person or persons" is deleted as surplusage and for consistency within this article.

In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to a person who violates this section being guilty "of a misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common law and has not been declared a felony by statute is considered to be a misdemeanor. See *State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976); *Bowser v. State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920); *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914); and *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).

Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to a person "on conviction" being subject to a fine or imprisonment is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law, and for consistency with other penalty provisions in this subtitle and throughout this article.

Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the phrase "is subject to" a fine or imprisonment is substituted for the former phrase "shall be punished by" a fine or imprisonment for consistency with other penalty provisions in this subtitle and throughout this article.

In the introductory language of subsection (e) of this section, the phrase "[i]n addition to the penalty provided in subsection (d) of this section" is substituted for the former phrase "[n]otwithstanding the penalties herein provided" for clarity and accuracy.

Also in the introductory language of subsection (e) of this section, the reference to a "circuit court" is substituted for the former reference to a "court of general equity jurisdiction" to reflect the merger of law and equity