

OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED OR THAT A CONDITION IMMINENTLY DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC SAFETY OR HEALTH EXISTS, WITH THE INTENT THAT THE OFFICIAL OR UNIT INVESTIGATE, CONSIDER, OR TAKE ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THAT STATEMENT OR REPORT.

(B) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the initial clause of former Art. 27, § 151.

In subsection (a) of this section, the term "municipal corporation" is substituted for the former word "city" to conform to Md. Constitution, Art. XI-E.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the word "unit" is substituted for the former word "agency", for consistency within this article. See General Revisor's Note to article.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "the discretion of the court" is deleted as implicit in the establishment of maximum penalties.

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101

"Person" § 1-101

9-504. SAME — CONCERNING DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE OR TOXIC MATERIAL.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A STATEMENT MADE OR RUMOR CIRCULATED BY AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF A BONA FIDE CIVILIAN DEFENSE ORGANIZATION OR UNIT, IF MADE IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF THE PERSON'S DUTIES.

(B) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT CIRCULATE OR TRANSMIT TO ANOTHER, WITH INTENT THAT IT BE ACTED ON, A STATEMENT OR RUMOR THAT THE PERSON KNOWS TO BE FALSE ABOUT THE LOCATION OR POSSIBLE DETONATION OF A DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE OR THE LOCATION OR POSSIBLE RELEASE OF TOXIC MATERIAL, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN § 4-501 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.

(D) VENUE.