

WHILE LAWFULLY MARRIED TO A LIVING PERSON, A PERSON MAY NOT ENTER INTO A MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITH ANOTHER.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF THE FELONY OF BIGAMY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 9 YEARS.

(D) CHARGING DOCUMENT.

AN INDICTMENT OR WARRANT FOR BIGAMY IS SUFFICIENT IF IT SUBSTANTIALLY STATES: "(NAME OF DEFENDANT) ON (DATE), IN (COUNTY), HAVING A LIVING SPOUSE, FELONIOUSLY ENTERED INTO A MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITH (NAME OF SUBSEQUENT SPOUSE), IN VIOLATION OF § 10-502 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, AGAINST THE PEACE, GOVERNMENT, AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE."

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, §§ 18 and 19.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to being "guilty of the felony" is added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law by the reference to a "conviction". At common law, the crime of bigamy is classified as a felony. *See Barber v. State*, 50 Md. 161, 170 (1878).

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to "§ 10-502 of the Criminal Law Article" is substituted for the former archaic phrase "contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly ... and provided" for clarity and consistency within this article.

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to "enter[ing] into a marriage ceremony with" a subsequent spouse is substituted for the former reference to "marr[ying]" a subsequent spouse for consistency within this section.

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101
"Person" § 1-101

SUBTITLE 6. CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS.

10-601. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) ANIMAL.

"ANIMAL" MEANS A LIVING CREATURE EXCEPT A HUMAN BEING.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 62, as it defined "animal".