

Section 7A *and* 151A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1990 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

7.

Any person who wilfully and maliciously sets fire to or burns or causes to be burned or who aids, counsels or procures the burning of any barn, stable, garage or other building or pier, wharf, boathouse, or any facility attached to a pier or wharf, whether the property of himself or of another, not a parcel of a dwelling house; or any shop, storehouse, warehouse, factory, mill or other building, whether the property of himself or of another; or any church, meeting house, courthouse, workhouse, school, jail or other public building or any public bridge; shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than twenty (20) years.

7A.

(a) A person may not threaten either verbally or in writing to:

(1) Set fire to any building, structure, or property described under § 6 or § 7 of this subheading; or

(2) Explode a destructive explosive device as defined under § 139B of this article in, on, or under any building, structure, or property described under § 6 or § 7 of this subheading.

(b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, is subject to A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 OR TO imprisonment for not more than 10 years OR BOTH.

(c) In a prosecution for a violation of this section, a verbal threat shall be corroborated by a third person.

151A.

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, knowing the statement or rumor to be false, he circulates or transmits to another or others, with intent that it be acted upon, a statement or rumor, written, printed, or by word of mouth, concerning the location or possible detonation of a bomb or other explosive. An offense under this section committed by the use of a telephone may be deemed to have been committed either at the place at which the telephone call or calls were made or at the place at which the telephone call or calls were received.

A person convicted of violating this section is subject to a fine not exceeding [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] \$10,000 or to imprisonment for not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. This section does not apply to any statement or rumor made or circulated by an officer, employee, or agent of a bona fide civilian