

- 5. ECONOMICS;
- 6. STATE, REGIONAL, AND MUNICIPAL PLANS; AND
- 7. COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES IN

THE COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 30, 1991.

**CHAPTER 213**

**(House Bill 609)**

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes and Punishments – Registered Returnable Containers**

FOR the purpose of altering certain offenses relating to using, defacing certain identification of, or injuring registered returnable containers in order to extend those offenses to registered returnable containers for dairy products; altering the definition of “returnable containers”; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to registered returnable containers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 471 and 478

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**

471.

Any and all persons, partnerships or bodies corporate owning returnable containers, or dealing in any commodities handled or delivered in returnable containers, [including baskets, trays, and any other type of container that is used by a bakery, distributor, retailer, food service establishment, or its agent to transport, store, or carry bakery products,] which said containers bear securely affixed or attached thereto, or impressed or imprinted thereon, in any manner whatsoever, a name, mark or device whereby such container can be readily identified, or any person engaged in the business of regularly supplying clean laundered garments, towels, table or bed linens or other such articles with his or its name or other marks or devices woven, impressed or produced thereon, and who periodically exchange such clean articles for soiled articles, may register the same, and