

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

[576.

Any person who enters or trespasses on any property which is posted against trespassers in a conspicuous manner or in accordance with the provisions of § 576A of this subheading is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both. The prosecution of such offenders shall be made and proceedings instituted by the landowner or tenant of the property unlawfully entered. Any person who is convicted of violating the provisions of this section and who carried any firearm or bow and arrow at the time of the violation shall have the person's hunting license revoked for one year immediately on conviction. Any person who is convicted of violating the provisions of this section and was carrying a fishing rod or net at the time of the violation shall have any fishing license revoked for one year immediately on conviction. If the person does not hold a license, the person may not be issued the appropriate license until one year after any conviction under the provisions of this section.]

[576A.

(a) In order to institute proceedings for trespassing under § 576 of this subheading, the owner or tenant of any private property shall have posted the property against unlawful entry or trespass by placing:

(1) Signs where they may reasonably be seen; or

(2) Identifying paint marks on trees or posts at each road entrance and adjacent to public roadways, public waterways, and any other lands adjoining the property.

(b) A paint mark under subsection (a)(2) of this section shall:

(1) Be a vertical line at least two inches in width and at least eight inches in length;

(2) Be centered at least three feet but no more than six feet from the ground or from the water surface at its mean high tide for tidal water or its normal level for nontidal water; and

(3) Be readily visible to any person with normal eyesight who approaches the property.

(c) The Department of Natural Resources shall adopt regulations that prescribe the type and color of paint to be used for posting property under this section.]

[577.

(a) (1) Any person who remains upon, enters upon or crosses over the land, premises or private property, including boarding any boat or other marine vessel, of any person or persons in this State after having been duly notified by the owner or his