

(7) A PERSON MAY NOT ENTER ON THE LAND OR PREMISES OF ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVADING THE PRIVACY OF THE OCCUPANTS OF ANY BUILDING OR ENCLOSURE LOCATED ON THE LAND OR PREMISES, BY LOOKING INTO ANY WINDOW, DOOR, OR OTHER APERTURE OF THE BUILDING OR ENCLOSURE.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS OR BOTH.

COMMITTEE NOTE (COMMITTEE TO REVISE ARTICLE 27): This section includes those offenses previously found in former §§ 576, 577, 578, 579A, 579B, and 580 of Article 27.

The previous requirement under former § 576 of Article 27 that the prosecution be brought by the landowner or tenant has been eliminated. The provisions dealing with suspension of a hunting or fishing license for a violation of former § 576 (new subsection (a)(1)) if the offense was committed while carrying a fishing rod, net, firearm, or bow and arrow can now be found in §§ 4-1207 (fishing license) and 10-1108 (hunting license) of the Natural Resources Article.

The posting requirements previously found in former § 576A of Article 27 are included as part of subsection (a)(1) of this section.

See § 26-102 of the Education Article for prohibitions on trespass on grounds of a public institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education.

When any provision of this Trespass subheading is violated, a court should consider whether restitution should be ordered under the provisions of § 807 of this article.

[577A.] 578.

[(1)](A) [Any person refusing or failing] A PERSON MAY NOT REFUSE OR FAIL to leave a public building or grounds, or specific portion [thereof, of a public agency or public institution] OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR GROUNDS during those hours of the day or night when the building, grounds, or specific portion [thereof] OF THE PUBLIC BUILDING OR GROUNDS, is regularly closed to the public, upon being requested to do so by a regularly employed guard, watchman or other authorized employee of the public agency or institution owning, operating or maintaining the building or property, if the surrounding circumstances are such as to indicate to a reasonable [man] PERSON that such person has no apparent lawful business to pursue at such place[, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court].

[(2)](B) [Any person refusing or failing] A PERSON MAY NOT REFUSE OR FAIL to leave a public building or grounds, or specific portion [thereof, of a public agency or public institution] OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR GROUNDS during regular business hours, upon being requested to do so by an authorized employee of the public agency or institution owning, operating or maintaining the building or property, if the surrounding circumstances are such as to indicate to a reasonable [man] PERSON