

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 121 to be under the new subheading “Disturbing the Public Peace and Disorderly Conduct”

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 121A and 121B to be under the new subheading “Harassment and Stalking”; 125 and 594B-2

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

[Disturbance of the Public Peace]

[121.]

Any person who shall wilfully obstruct or hinder the free passage of persons passing along or by any public street or highway in any city, town or county of this State, or who shall wilfully disturb any neighborhood in such city, town or county by loud and unseemly noises, or shall profanely curse and swear or use obscene language upon or near to any such street or highway within the hearing of persons passing by or along such highway, or shall wilfully hinder or obstruct the free passage of persons passing on or through or out of the station grounds of any railroad in the State, or who shall wilfully act in a disorderly manner within such station grounds by making such loud and unseemly noises, or by catching hold of and soliciting persons on said grounds against the will of such person, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to a fine of not less than one dollar and not more than \$500 or shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or shall be subject to both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court and shall pay costs of the prosecution.]

[122.]

Any person who shall be acting in a disorderly manner to the disturbance of the public peace, or who shall wilfully act in a disorderly manner by making loud and unseemly noises or by profanely cursing, swearing or using obscene language, on or about any public place or any steamboat wharf, dock or public waiting room, or in or about the station grounds of any railroad in the State, or in or on any steamboat, streetcar, electric car, railroad car, passenger train or other public conveyance, or on the mall or adjacent parking areas of any combination of privately owned retail establishments commonly known as a shopping center to which the general public is invited for business purposes, or who shall wilfully catch hold of and solicit persons