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**By: Delegates Branch, Harrison, C. Davis, C. Mitchell, Fulton, Opara, and Oaks**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Baltimore City - Loitering - Drug-Related Offenses~~

3 Drug-Related Offenses - Course of Conduct

4 FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting, in Baltimore City, a person from loitering in a public~~  
5 ~~place for the purpose of committing certain drug-related offenses; establishing a~~  
6 ~~certain penalty for violating this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating~~  
7 ~~to loitering in Baltimore City prohibiting a person from engaging in a course of~~  
8 ~~conduct with the purpose of committing certain drug-related offenses; establishing~~  
9 ~~a certain penalty; defining a certain term; and generally relating to engaging in a~~  
10 ~~course of conduct with the purpose of committing drug-related offenses.~~

11 BY adding to

12 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

13 Section ~~286F~~ 287C

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1996 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

19 ~~286F.~~

20 ~~(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO BALTIMORE CITY.~~

21 ~~(B) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~

22 ~~INDICATED.~~

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1           ~~(2) "LOITER" MEANS TO STAND OR REMAIN IN OR AROUND A PLACE IN~~  
2 ~~AN IDLE OR DILATORY MANNER.~~

3           ~~(3) "PUBLIC PLACE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 36G OF THIS~~  
4 ~~ARTICLE.~~

5           ~~(C) A PERSON MAY NOT LOITER IN A PUBLIC PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF~~  
6 ~~VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 286 THROUGH 290 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

7           ~~(D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR~~  
8 ~~AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1~~  
9 ~~YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.~~

10 287C.

11           (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COURSE OF CONDUCT" MEANS A PERSISTENT PATTERN  
12 OF CONDUCT, COMPOSED OF A SERIES OF ACTS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THAT  
13 EVIDENCES A CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE.

14           (B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN A COURSE OF CONDUCT WITH THE  
15 PURPOSE OF VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 286 THROUGH 290 OF THIS  
16 ARTICLE.

17           (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
18 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30  
19 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 1997.