
By: **Delegate Burns**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Destruction of Cemetery Structures - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum fine and maximum term of
4 imprisonment for disturbing structures in a cemetery; and generally relating to
5 the crime of graveyard desecration.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 267(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 267.

15 (a) Any person who wilfully destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures, or removes
16 any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure placed in any cemetery, or any
17 building, wall, fence, railing, or other work, for the use, protection, or ornamentation
18 of any cemetery in this State is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more
19 than [\$5,000] \$10,000, or imprisoned for not more than [3] 6 years, or both.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 1999.