

HOUSE BILL 44

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Boschert**
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Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2000
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Burning the American Flag - Enhanced Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from mutilating, defacing, destroying,
4 trampling, burning, or attempting to burn a flag of the United States of America
5 on State-owned property; providing penalties for a violation of certain
6 provisions; and generally relating to burning the American flag.

7 BY adding to
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 88
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 88.

16 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A
17 PERSON MAY NOT MUTILATE, DEFACE, DESTROY, TRAMPLE, BURN, OR ATTEMPT TO
18 BURN A FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON ANY STATE-OWNED
19 PROPERTY.

20 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF
21 A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000
22 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR BOTH.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2000.