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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Failure to Properly Bury or Dispose of a Body - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from burying or disposing of a human
4 body except in a certain manner; providing for certain exceptions; establishing
5 certain penalties; and generally relating to the burial or disposal of a human
6 body.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Health - General
9 Section 5-101
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume)

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 5-203
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article - Health - General

2 5-101.

3 In this title, "body" means a dead human body.

4 5-203.

5 (A) UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL
6 MAY NOT BURY OR DISPOSE OF A BODY EXCEPT IN:7 (1) A FAMILY OR BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BURIAL PLOT OR OTHER AREA
8 ALLOWED BY A LOCAL ORDINANCE;

9 (2) A CREMATORIUM;

10 (3) A CEMETERY; OR

11 (4) A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.

12 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF CREMAINS.13 ~~(B)~~ (C) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
14 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT
15 EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2001.