

HOUSE BILL 299

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By: **Delegate Doory (Committee to Revise Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments)**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2003

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Riot - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a maximum penalty for the common law crime of
4 riot; and generally relating to riot.

5 BY adding to

6 Article - Criminal Law

7 Section 10-205

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2002 Volume)

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

12 **Article - Criminal Law**

13 10-205.

14 A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF RIOT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON
15 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 15 YEARS OR A FINE
16 NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000 OR BOTH.

17 COMMITTEE NOTE (COMMITTEE TO REVISE ARTICLE 27): A 15-year
18 maximum sentence is recommended for the common law crime of riot because the
19 Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy has classified riot as a Seriousness
20 Category IV offense and other offenses in this category carry a maximum penalty of
21 15 years, including robbery.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Committee Note
23 contained in this Act is not law.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2003.