

Chapter 47

**(Senate Bill 107)**

AN ACT concerning

**Military Department – Summary Courts–Martial – Penalties**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a summary court–martial to impose a sentence of confinement for a certain period of time without regard to rank; ~~authorizing a summary court–martial to discharge with a characterization of service no less favorable than under other than honorable conditions;~~ and generally relating to summary courts–martial.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Public Safety  
Section 13–812(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Public Safety  
Section 13–812(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Public Safety**

13–812.

(c) A summary court–martial may impose a sentence that includes:

(1) a fine of not more than the member’s pay and allowances for four unit training assemblies;

(2) a forfeiture of up to two–thirds of the member’s pay and allowances for up to four unit training assemblies;

(3) reduction in rank in the following manner:

(i) for enlisted personnel in the grade of E5 and above, to the next inferior pay grade; or

(ii) for enlisted personnel in the grade of E4 and below, to the lowest enlisted grade; ~~for~~

(4) [for members in the rank of E4 and below only,] confinement for a period not to exceed 30 days; ~~OR~~

~~(5) DISCHARGE WITH A CHARACTERIZATION OF SERVICE NO LESS FAVORABLE THAN UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS.~~

(d) A sentence of dismissal from the service or dishonorable discharge imposed by a court-martial may not be executed until approved by the Governor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.**