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Criminal Law - Alcohol Offenses and Gaming - Civil Offenses

FOR the purpose of making it a civil rather than a criminal offense to consume an alcoholic beverage in public under certain circumstances or to possess an alcoholic beverage in an open container under certain circumstances; requiring certain offenders to be issued a citation under certain circumstances; providing a certain maximum fine; providing that a person may prepay a citation issued for a violation under a certain provision of this Act; altering the penalty for certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling; making certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling a civil offense; establishing that adjudication of a violation under a certain provision of this Act is not a criminal conviction for any purpose and does not impose any of the civil disabilities that may result from a criminal conviction; altering certain penalties; authorizing a certain police officer to issue a certain citation under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for a citation issued under this Act; requiring the form of a certain citation to be uniform throughout the State and to be prescribed by the District Court; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a schedule for the prepayment of a certain fine; requiring a certain issuing jurisdiction to forward a copy of a certain citation and request for trial to a certain court; providing that a person may request a trial in a certain manner within a certain time period after the issuance of a citation; providing that the District Court may impose a certain fine and costs and find a person guilty of a certain violation under certain circumstances; providing that a certain defendant is liable for certain costs of a certain proceeding; specifying the costs of a certain proceeding; providing that the State has the burden to prove the guilt of a certain defendant by a certain standard; requiring a court to apply certain evidentiary standards; requiring a court

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

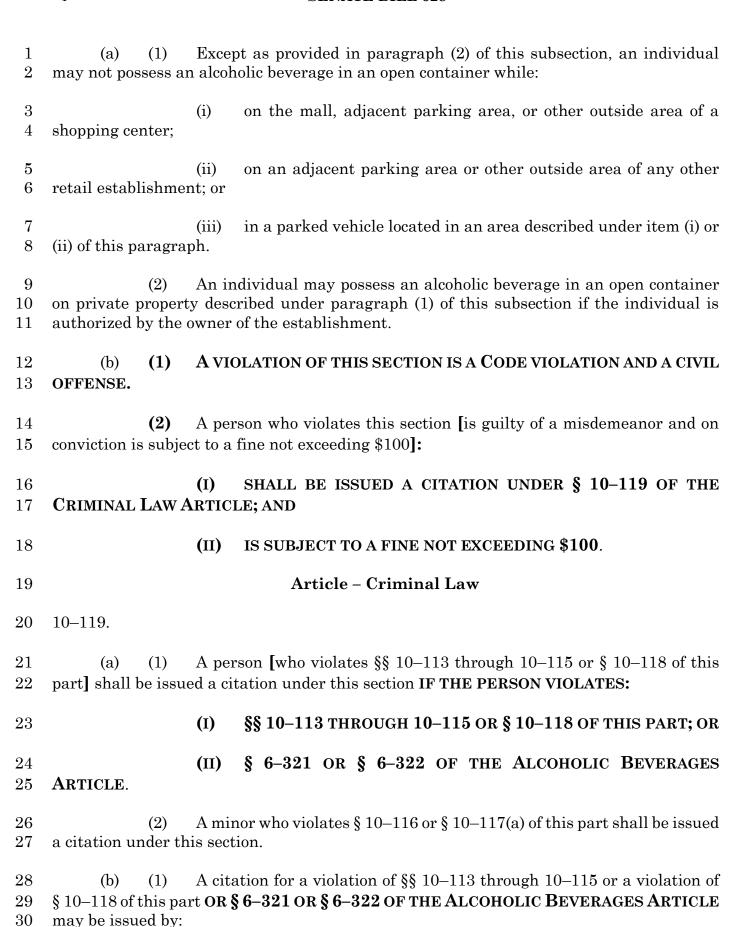
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	to ensure that a certain defendant has received a copy of certain charges and that the defendant understands those charges; providing that a certain defendant is entitled to take certain actions under certain circumstances; providing that a certain defendant is entitled to be represented by a certain counsel at the expense of the defendant; authorizing a certain defendant to enter a certain plea; specifying a certain verdict; authorizing a certain State's Attorney to prosecute a certain Code violation in a certain manner; providing that a certain person under a certain age who is issued a citation for a certain violation is subject to certain procedures and dispositions; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to alcohol offenses and gaming.				
11 12 13 14 15	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages Section 6–321 and 6–322 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)				
16 17 18 19 20	Article – Criminal Law Section 10–119, 12–102, and 12–103 Annotated Code of Maryland				
21 22				T ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, nd read as follows:	
23				Article - Alcoholic Beverages	
24	6–321.				
25	(a)	In th	is secti	on, "public property" includes property that is:	
26		(1)	a strı	acture, road, parking area, or grounds; and	
27		(2)	locate	ed on land owned, leased, or operated by:	
28			(i)	the State;	
29			(ii)	a county;	
30			(iii)	a municipality;	
31			(iv)	the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission;	
32			(v)	the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;	

the Montgomery County Revenue Authority; or

1		(vii)	the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.
2 3	(b) (1) individual may not	_	et as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, an me an alcoholic beverage:
4		(i)	on public property;
5 6	shopping center;	(ii)	on the mall, adjacent parking area, or other outside area of a
7 8	retail establishme	(iii) nt; and	on an adjacent parking area or other outside area of any other
9 10	(ii), or (iii) of this p	(iv) oaragra	in a parked vehicle located in an area described under item (i), uph.
11	(2)	An in	dividual may consume an alcoholic beverage on:
12 13	authority over the	(i) proper	public property if authorized by the governmental entity that has ty; or
14 15	this subsection if a	(ii) uthori	private property described under paragraph (1)(ii) through (iv) of zed by the owner of the property.
16 17 18	(3) to the consumption apply to passenger	n of th	owner or operator of a motor home or chartered bus has consented e alcoholic beverages, paragraph (1) of this subsection does not
19 20	central heating; or	(i)	in the living quarters of a motor home equipped with a toilet and
21		(ii)	of a chartered bus in transit.
22 23	(c) (1) OFFENSE.	AVIC	DLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CODE VIOLATION AND A CIVIL
24 25	(2) conviction is subject	-	son who violates this section [is guilty of a misdemeanor and on fine not exceeding \$100]:
26 27	CRIMINAL LAW A	(I) ARTICI	SHALL BE ISSUED A CITATION UNDER § 10–119 OF THE LE; AND
28		(II)	IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100.

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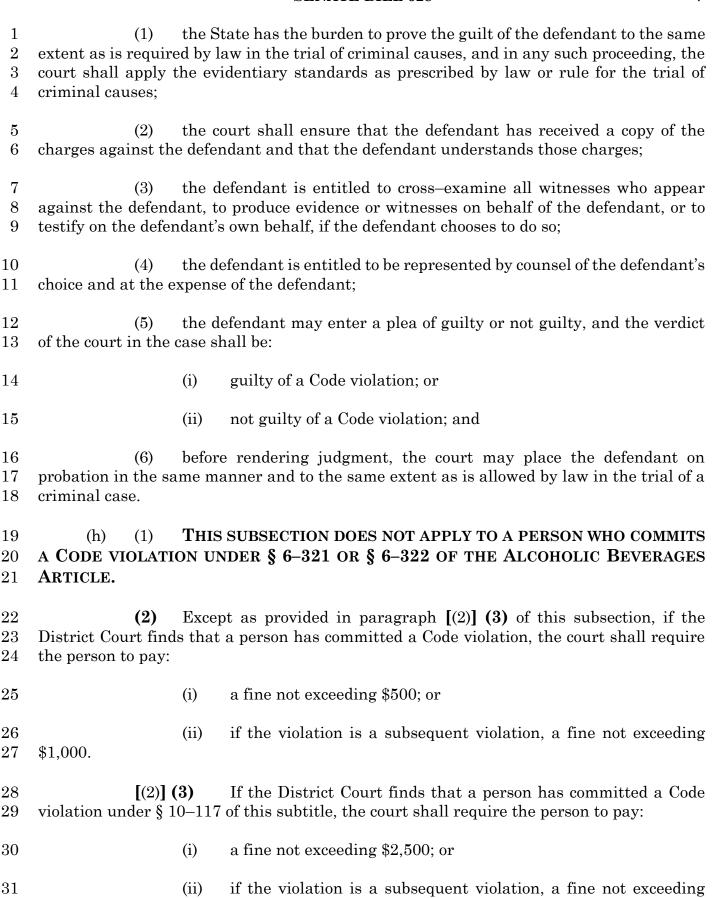


1	(i) a police officer authorized to make arrests;
2 3 4	(ii) in State forestry reservations, State parks, historic monuments, and recreation areas, a forest or park warden under \S 5–206(a) or (b) of the Natural Resources Article; and
5 6 7 8 9	(iii) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, in Anne Arundel County, Frederick County, Harford County, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Talbot County, and only in the inspector's jurisdiction, an alcoholic beverages inspector who investigates license violations under the Alcoholic Beverages Article.
10 11 12 13 14	(2) In Anne Arundel County, Frederick County, Harford County, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Talbot County, the inspector shall successfully complete an appropriate program of training in the proper use of arrest authority and pertinent police procedures as required by the board of license commissioners.
15 16 17	(3) In Anne Arundel County, Harford County, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Talbot County, the inspector may not carry a firearm in the performance of the inspector's duties.
18 19 20	(c) A person authorized under this section to issue a citation shall issue it if the person has probable cause to believe that the person charged is committing or has committed a Code violation.
21 22 23	(d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the form of citation issued to an adult shall be as prescribed by the District Court and shall be uniform throughout the State.
24	(2) The citation issued to an adult shall contain:
25	(i) the name and address of the person charged;
26	(ii) the statute allegedly violated;
27	(iii) the location, date, and time that the violation occurred;
28	(iv) the fine that may be imposed;
29 30 31	(v) 1. FOR A VIOLATION OF §§ 10–113 THROUGH 10–115 OR § 10–118 OF THIS PART, OR § 6–321 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE, a notice stating that prepayment of the fine is not allowed: OR

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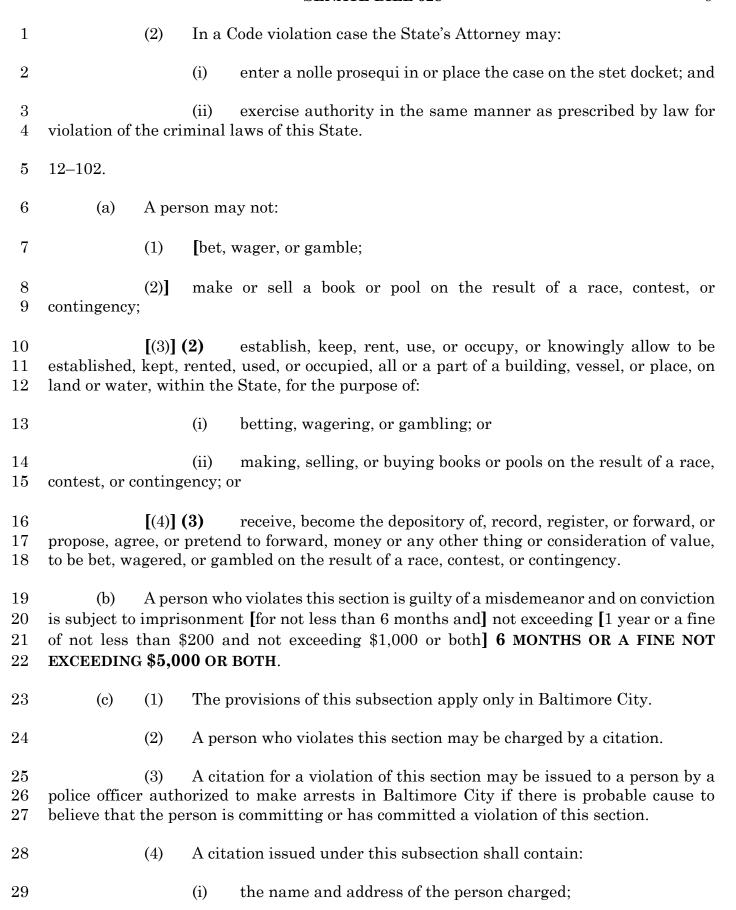
1			2. FOR A VIOLATION OF § 6–322 OF THE ALCOHOLIC
2	BEVERAGES ART	ricle,	A NOTICE STATING THAT PREPAYMENT OF THE FINE IS
3	ALLOWED;		
4 5	charged a summor	(vi) as to ap	a notice that the District Court shall promptly send the person opear for trial;
6		(vii)	the signature of the person issuing the citation; and
7		(viii)	a space for the person charged to sign the citation.
8	(3)	The fo	orm of citation issued to a minor shall:
9		(i)	be prescribed by the State Court Administrator;
10		(ii)	be uniform throughout the State; and
11 12	Article.	(iii)	contain the information listed in $\$ 3–8A–33(b) of the Courts
13 14 15	(e) (1) issuing jurisdiction Court in the distriction	n shall	ot for a citation subject to the jurisdiction of a circuit court, the forward a copy of the citation and a request for trial to the District ng venue.
16 17	(2) summon the defen	(i) dant to	The District Court shall promptly schedule the case for trial and appear.
18 19	contempt of court.	(ii)	Willful failure of the defendant to respond to the summons is
20 21 22	•	0-118	urposes of this section, a violation of §§ 10–113 through 10–115 or of this part OR § 6–321 OR § 6–322 OF THE ALCOHOLIC s a Code violation and is a civil offense.
23 24	(2) the procedures and	-	son charged who is under the age of 18 years shall be subject to sitions provided in Title 3, Subtitle 8A of the Courts Article.
25 26	(3) provisions of this s	_	son charged who is at least 18 years old shall be subject to the
27 28 29	(4) purpose, and it doe conviction.	•	lication of a Code violation is not a criminal conviction for any mpose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed by a criminal

In any proceeding for a Code violation:



\$5,000.

- 1 **[**(3)**] (4)** The Chief Judge of the District Court may not establish a schedule for the prepayment of fines for a Code violation under this part.
- 3 (i) When a defendant has been found guilty of a Code violation and a fine has 4 been imposed by the court:
- 5 (1) the court may direct that the payment of the fine be suspended or 6 deferred under conditions that the court may establish; and
- 7 (2) if the defendant willfully fails to pay the fine imposed by the court, that 8 willful failure may be treated as a criminal contempt of court, for which the defendant may 9 be punished by the court as provided by law.
- 10 (j) (1) The defendant is liable for the costs of the proceedings in the District Court and for payment to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.
- 12 (2) The court costs in a Code violation case in which costs are imposed are 13 \$5.
- 14 (k) (1) In this subsection, "driver's license" means a license or permit to drive 15 a motor vehicle that is issued under the laws of this State or any other jurisdiction.
- 16 (2) This subsection applies only to:
- 17 (i) a person who is at least 18 but under 21 years of age; or
- 18 (ii) a minor if the minor is subject to the jurisdiction of the court.
- 19 (3) If a person is found guilty of a Code violation under § 10–113 of this 20 part that involved the use of a driver's license or a document purporting to be a driver's 21 license, the court shall notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of the violation.
- 22 (4) The Chief Judge of the District Court, in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Administrator, shall establish uniform procedures for reporting Code violations described in this subsection.
- 25 (l) (1) A defendant who has been found guilty of a Code violation has the right 26 to appeal or to file a motion for a new trial or a motion for a revision of a judgment provided 27 by law in the trial of a criminal case.
- 28 (2) A motion shall be made in the same manner as provided in the trial of criminal cases, and the court, in ruling on the motion has the same authority provided in the trial of criminal cases.
- 31 (m) (1) The State's Attorney for any county may prosecute a Code violation in 32 the same manner as prosecution of a violation of the criminal laws of this State.



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1			(ii)	the statute allegedly violated;
2			(iii)	the location, date, and time that the violation occurred;
3			(iv)	the fine or term of imprisonment that may be imposed;
4			(v)	a notice stating that prepayment of a fine is not allowed;
5 6	summons to a	appea	(vi) r for ti	a notice that the court shall promptly send the person charged a rial; and
7			(vii)	the signature of the police officer issuing the citation.
8 9		(5) ourt a	(i) copy	The police officer who issued the citation shall forward to the of the citation.
10 11	the defendant	t to ar	(ii) opear.	The court shall promptly schedule the case for trial and summon
12 13	contempt of c	ourt.	(iii)	Willful failure of the defendant to respond to the summons is
14	12–103.			
15 16	(a) [play]:	For m	oney	or any other thing or consideration of value, a person may not
17	((1)	[the g	game called "thimbles";
18	((2)	the ga	ame called "little joker";
19 20	or	(3)	dice o	or the game commonly called "craps"] BET, WAGER, OR GAMBLE;
21		[(4)] (2)	PLAY any other gaming device or fraudulent trick.
22 23 24		mpris	sonme	to violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction on the for not less than 6 months and not exceeding 2 years or a fine th.]
25 26	(B) BY A FINE NO	(1) OT EX		DLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CIVIL OFFENSE PUNISHABLE ING:
27			(I)	\$500, IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVES MONEY OR ANY OTHER

THING OR CONSIDERATION OF VALUE NOT EXCEEDING \$100; OR

1 2	THING OR CONSI	(II) \$1,000, IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVES MONEY OR ANY OTHER DERATION OF VALUE THAT EXCEEDS \$100.		
3	(2)	ADJUDICATION OF A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION:		
4		(I) IS NOT A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR ANY PURPOSE; AND		
5 6	MAY RESULT FRO	(II) DOES NOT IMPOSE ANY OF THE CIVIL DISABILITIES THAT OM A CRIMINAL CONVICTION.		
7 8 9 10	(C) (1) A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON BY A POLICE OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ARRESTS IF THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE PERSON IS COMMITTING OR HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.			
11	(2)	A CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTAIN:		
12 13	CHARGED;	(I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE PERSON		
14		(II) THE STATUTE ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED;		
15		(III) THE DATE AND TIME THAT THE VIOLATION OCCURRED;		
16		(IV) THE LOCATION AT WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURRED;		
17		(V) THE FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED;		
18 19	ALLOWED;	(VI) A NOTICE STATING THAT PREPAYMENT OF THE FINE IS		
20 21	PERSON SHALL:	(VII) A NOTICE IN BOLDFACE TYPE THAT STATES THAT THE		
22		1. PAY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PRESET FINE; OR		
23 24	PLACE ESTABLIS	2. REQUEST A TRIAL DATE AT THE DATE, TIME, AND HED BY THE DISTRICT COURT BY WRIT OR TRIAL NOTICE; AND		
25 26	CITATION.	(VIII) THE SIGNATURE OF THE POLICE OFFICER ISSUING THE		
27	(3)	THE FORM OF THE CITATION SHALL BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT		

THE STATE AND SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE DISTRICT COURT.

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- 1 (4) (I) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL 2 ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR THE PREPAYMENT OF A FINE.
- 3 (II) PREPAYMENT OF A FINE SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PLEA OF 4 GUILTY TO A CIVIL CODE VIOLATION.
- 5 (5) THE ISSUING JURISDICTION SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE 6 CITATION AND A REQUEST FOR TRIAL TO THE DISTRICT COURT IN THE DISTRICT 7 HAVING VENUE.
- 8 (6) A PERSON MAY REQUEST A TRIAL BY SENDING A REQUEST FOR 9 TRIAL TO THE DISTRICT COURT IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE CITATION WAS 10 ISSUED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION.
- 11 (7) IF A PERSON DOES NOT REQUEST A TRIAL OR PREPAY THE FINE
 12 WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION, THE DISTRICT COURT MAY
 13 IMPOSE THE MAXIMUM FINE AND COSTS AGAINST THE PERSON AND FIND THE
 14 PERSON GUILTY OF A CODE VIOLATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
- 15 (8) (I) THE DEFENDANT IS LIABLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE 16 PROCEEDINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.
- 17 (II) THE COURT COSTS IN A CODE VIOLATION CASE UNDER THIS 18 SECTION IN WHICH COSTS ARE IMPOSED ARE \$5.
- 19 (D) IN ANY PROCEEDING FOR A CODE VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION:
- 20 (1) THE STATE HAS THE BURDEN TO PROVE THE GUILT OF THE 21 DEFENDANT BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE;
- 22 **(2)** THE COURT SHALL APPLY THE EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR RULE FOR THE TRIAL OF A CRIMINAL CASE;
- 24 (3) THE COURT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THE DEFENDANT AND THAT THE DEFENDANT UNDERSTANDS THOSE CHARGES;
- 27 (4) THE DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED TO CROSS-EXAMINE ALL WITNESSES WHO APPEAR AGAINST THE DEFENDANT, TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OR WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT, AND TO TESTIFY ON THE DEFENDANT'S OWN BEHALF, IF THE DEFENDANT CHOOSES TO DO SO;
- 31 (5) THE DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL 32 OF THE DEFENDANT'S CHOICE AND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE DEFENDANT; AND

$\frac{1}{2}$	(6) THE DEFENDANT MAY ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY, AND THE VERDICT OF THE COURT IN THE CASE SHALL BE:
3	(I) GUILTY OF A CODE VIOLATION;
4	(II) NOT GUILTY OF A CODE VIOLATION; OR
5 6 7	(III) PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT, IMPOSED BY THE COURT IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME EXTENT AS IS ALLOWED BY LAW IN THE TRIAL OF A CRIMINAL CASE.
8 9 10	(E) (1) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR ANY COUNTY MAY PROSECUTE A CODE VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROSECUTION OF A VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE.
11 12	(2) IN A CODE VIOLATION CASE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY:
13 14	(I) ENTER A NOLLE PROSEQUI OR MOVE TO PLACE THE CASE ON THE STET DOCKET; AND
15 16	(II) EXERCISE AUTHORITY IN THE SAME MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE.
17 18 19	(F) A PERSON ISSUED A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROCEDURES AND DISPOSITIONS PROVIDED IN TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 8A OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.
20 21	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.