

SENATE BILL 60

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By: **Senators Simonaire, Reilly, Beidle, and Elfreth**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law – Adoption of**
3 **Local Ordinance**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to adopt a
5 certain ordinance to prohibit littering and to impose certain criminal and civil
6 penalties; and generally relating to the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 10–110(f)(1), (2), and (3) and (j)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Criminal Law

14 Section 10–110(j)(2)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Criminal Law**

20 10–110.

21 (f) (1) A person who violates this section is subject to the penalties provided
22 in this subsection.

23 (2) (i) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 amount not exceeding 100 pounds or 27 cubic feet and not for commercial gain is guilty of
2 a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or a
3 fine not exceeding \$1,500 or both.

4 (ii) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an
5 amount exceeding 100 pounds or 27 cubic feet, but not exceeding 500 pounds or 216 cubic
6 feet, and not for commercial gain is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to
7 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$12,500 or both.

8 (iii) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an
9 amount exceeding 500 pounds or 216 cubic feet or in any amount for commercial gain is
10 guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years
11 or a fine not exceeding \$30,000 or both.

12 (3) In addition to the penalties provided under paragraph (2) of this
13 subsection, a court may order the violator to:

14 (i) remove or render harmless the litter disposed of in violation of
15 this section;

16 (ii) repair or restore any property damaged by, or pay damages for,
17 the disposal of the litter in violation of this section;

18 (iii) perform public service relating to the removal of litter disposed
19 of in violation of this section or to the restoration of an area polluted by litter disposed of in
20 violation of this section; or

21 (iv) reimburse the State, county, municipal corporation, or bi-county
22 unit for its costs incurred in removing the litter disposed of in violation of this section.

23 (j) (1) The legislative body of a municipal corporation may:

24 (i) prohibit littering; and

25 (ii) classify littering as a municipal infraction under Title 6 of the
26 Local Government Article.

27 (2) The governing bodies of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Prince George's
28 County, Calvert County, and Montgomery County may each adopt an ordinance to prohibit
29 littering under this section and, for violations of the ordinance, may impose criminal
30 penalties and civil penalties that do not exceed the criminal penalties and civil penalties
31 specified in subsection (f)(1) through (3) of this section.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2020.