

# HOUSE BILL 1527

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By: **Delegate Roberts**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law – Video**  
3 **Evidence and Reward Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring each county~~ authorizing Prince George's County to establish  
5 a certain pilot program allowing a member of the public to submit video evidence of  
6 an alleged violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law to a certain  
7 enforcement unit; requiring a program established under this Act to allow a member  
8 of the public to receive a portion of fines collected in relation to a violation of the  
9 Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law under certain circumstances; authorizing  
10 the governing body of Prince George's County to refer unpaid fines to the Central  
11 Collection Unit of the Department of Budget and Management for collection;  
12 authorizing fines collected under a certain program to be used for a certain purpose;  
13 and generally relating to illegal dumping and litter control video evidence and  
14 reward programs.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Criminal Law  
17 Section 10–110(a)(1) and (4), (c), ~~and~~ (f)(1) and (2), and (h)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
21 Article – Criminal Law  
22 Section 10–110(i) and (k)

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

3 BY adding to  
4 Article – Criminal Law  
5 Section 10–110(k)  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Criminal Law**

11 10–110.

12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (4) “Litter” means all rubbish, waste matter, refuse, garbage, trash, debris,  
14 dead animals, or other discarded materials of every kind and description.

15 (c) A person may not:

16 (1) dispose of litter on a highway or perform an act that violates the State  
17 Vehicle Laws regarding disposal of litter, glass, and other prohibited substances on  
18 highways; or

19 (2) dispose or cause or allow the disposal of litter on public or private  
20 property unless:

21 (i) the property is designated by the State, a unit of the State, or a  
22 political subdivision of the State for the disposal of litter and the person is authorized by  
23 the proper public authority to use the property; or

24 (ii) the litter is placed into a litter receptacle or container installed  
25 on the property.

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

28 (2) (i) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an  
29 amount not exceeding 100 pounds or 27 cubic feet and not for commercial gain is guilty of  
30 a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or a  
31 fine not exceeding \$1,500 or both.

32 (ii) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an  
33 amount exceeding 100 pounds or 27 cubic feet, but not exceeding 500 pounds or 216 cubic

1 feet, and not for commercial gain is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to  
2 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$12,500 or both.

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

7 (h) A unit that supervises State property shall:

8 (1) establish and maintain receptacles for the disposal of litter at  
9 appropriate locations where the public frequents the property;

10 (2) post signs directing persons to the receptacles and serving notice of the  
11 provisions of this section; and

12 (3) otherwise publicize the availability of litter receptacles and the  
13 requirements of this section.

14 (i) (1) Fines collected for violations of this section shall be disbursed:

15 (i) to the county or municipal corporation where the violation  
16 occurred; or

17 (ii) if the bi-county unit is the enforcement unit and the violations  
18 occurred on property over which the bi-county unit exercises jurisdiction, to the bi-county  
19 unit.

20 (2) ~~(I) Fines~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
21 **PARAGRAPH, FINES** collected shall be used to pay for:

22 ~~(I)~~ litter receptacles and posting signs as required by subsection (h)  
23 of this section and for other purposes relating to the removal or control of litter; ~~AND.~~

24 **(II) FINES COLLECTED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL**  
25 **BE USED TO PAY FOR:**

26 **1. MAINTENANCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PILOT**  
27 **PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION;**

28 **2. LITTER RECEPTACLES AND POSTING SIGNS THAT ARE**  
29 **REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**  
30 **RELATED TO THE REMOVAL OR CONTROL OF LITTER;**

1                                   **3. THE REMOVAL OR CONTROL OF LITTER, LITTER**  
 2 **REMOVAL PROGRAMS, OVERSIGHT, AND OPERATIONS PERFORMED BY THE UNIT**  
 3 **THAT SUPERVISES STATE PROPERTY; AND**

4                                   **4. REWARDS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SUBMIT**  
 5 **VIDEO EVIDENCE THROUGH A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (K) OF**  
 6 **THIS SECTION.**

7           **(K) (1) ~~EACH COUNTY SHALL~~ THE GOVERNING BODY FOR PRINCE**  
 8 **GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM ALLOWING A MEMBER OF**  
 9 **THE PUBLIC TO:**

10                               **(1) (I) SUBMIT VIDEO EVIDENCE OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF**  
 11 **THIS SECTION OCCURRING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO AN ENFORCEMENT**  
 12 **UNIT WITH JURISDICTION; AND**

13                               **(2) ~~RECEIVE "HALF THE TOTAL AMOUNT" OF ANY FINES COLLECTED~~**

14                               **(II) RECEIVE HALF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ANY FINES**  
 15 **COLLECTED IN RELATION TO THE VIOLATION IF THE VIDEO EVIDENCE LEADS TO A**  
 16 **CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION.**

17                               **(2) IF A PERSON FINED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PAY THE**  
 18 **FINE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY REFER THE**  
 19 **AMOUNT OF THE UNPAID OUTSTANDING FINE TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT**  
 20 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.**

21           **[(k)] (L)**       This section may be cited as the "Illegal Dumping and Litter Control  
 22 **Law**".

23                               SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 24 October 1, 2025. **This Act shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of**  
 25 **September 30, 2030, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,**  
 26 **shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.**