

# SENATE BILL 525

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By: **Senators Charles, Muse, Kramer, Ellis, and Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law – Video Evidence and Reward**  
3 **Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county to establish a certain program allowing a member  
5 of the public to submit video evidence of an alleged violation of the Illegal Dumping  
6 and Litter Control Law to a certain enforcement unit; requiring a program  
7 established under this Act to allow a member of the public to receive a portion of  
8 fines collected in relation to a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control  
9 Law under certain circumstances; and generally relating to illegal dumping and  
10 litter control video evidence and reward programs.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Criminal Law  
13 Section 10–110(a)(1) and (4), (c), and (f)(1) and (2)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Criminal Law  
18 Section 10–110(i) and (k)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Criminal Law  
23 Section 10–110(k)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Criminal Law**

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2 10–110.

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

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

6 (c) A person may not:

7 (1) dispose of litter on a highway or perform an act that violates the State  
8 Vehicle Laws regarding disposal of litter, glass, and other prohibited substances on  
9 highways; or10 (2) dispose or cause or allow the disposal of litter on public or private  
11 property unless:12 (i) the property is designated by the State, a unit of the State, or a  
13 political subdivision of the State for the disposal of litter and the person is authorized by  
14 the proper public authority to use the property; or15 (ii) the litter is placed into a litter receptacle or container installed  
16 on the property.17 (f) (1) A person who violates this section is subject to the penalties provided  
18 in this subsection.19 (2) (i) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an  
20 amount not exceeding 100 pounds or 27 cubic feet and not for commercial gain is guilty of  
21 a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or a  
22 fine not exceeding \$1,500 or both.23 (ii) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an  
24 amount exceeding 100 pounds or 27 cubic feet, but not exceeding 500 pounds or 216 cubic  
25 feet, and not for commercial gain is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to  
26 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$12,500 or both.27 (iii) A person who disposes of litter in violation of this section in an  
28 amount exceeding 500 pounds or 216 cubic feet or in any amount for commercial gain is  
29 guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years  
30 or a fine not exceeding \$30,000 or both.

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

1 (i) to the county or municipal corporation where the violation  
2 occurred; or

3 (ii) if the bi-county unit is the enforcement unit and the violations  
4 occurred on property over which the bi-county unit exercises jurisdiction, to the bi-county  
5 unit.

6 (2) Fines collected shall be used to pay for:

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

9 (II) **REWARDS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SUBMIT VIDEO**  
10 **EVIDENCE THROUGH A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS**  
11 **SECTION.**

12 (K) **EACH COUNTY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM ALLOWING A MEMBER OF**  
13 **THE PUBLIC TO:**

14 (1) **SUBMIT VIDEO EVIDENCE OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS**  
15 **SECTION TO AN ENFORCEMENT UNIT WITH JURISDICTION; AND**

16 (2) **RECEIVE “HALF THE TOTAL AMOUNT” OF ANY FINES COLLECTED**  
17 **IN RELATION TO THE VIOLATION IF THE VIDEO EVIDENCE LEADS TO A CONVICTION**  
18 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

19 [(k)] (L) This section may be cited as the “Illegal Dumping and Litter Control  
20 Law”.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2025.