

# SENATE BILL 525

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

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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 court to refer unpaid fines to the Central Collection Unit of the Department of  
11 Budget and Management for collection; and generally relating to illegal dumping  
12 and litter control video evidence and reward programs.

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

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Criminal Law  
20 Section 10–110(i) and (k)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

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

8 **Article – Criminal Law**

9 10–110.

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

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

13 (c) A person may not:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 (i) to the county or municipal corporation where the violation  
7 occurred; or

8 (ii) if the bi-county unit is the enforcement unit and the violations  
9 occurred on property over which the bi-county unit exercises jurisdiction, to the bi-county  
10 unit.

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

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

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

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

20 ~~(1)~~ **(I) SUBMIT VIDEO EVIDENCE OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF  
21 THIS SECTION TO AN ENFORCEMENT UNIT WITH JURISDICTION; AND**

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

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

26 **(2) IF A PERSON FINED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PAY THE  
27 FINE, THE COURT MAY REFER THE AMOUNT OF THE UNPAID OUTSTANDING FINE TO  
28 THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND  
29 MANAGEMENT.**

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.