

Chapter 181

(Senate Bill 525)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–110(a)(1) and (4), (c), ~~and~~ (f)(1) and (2), and (h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–110(i) and (k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–110(k)

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

Article – Criminal Law

10–110.

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

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

(c) A person may not:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) A unit that supervises State property shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(2) RECEIVE “HALF THE TOTAL AMOUNT” OF ANY FINES COLLECTED~~

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 22, 2025.