

Crimes and Punishments - Arson and Burning

FOR the purpose of providing that an attempt to burn or ~~[[abet]]~~ to aid, counsel or procure the burning of certain buildings is a felony; and providing that an attempt to burn or abet the burning of certain other buildings is a misdemeanor; providing penalties; repealing an obsolete provision for confinement in the penitentiary; correcting language; and relating generally to the attempted burning of buildings.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 10
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 10 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

10.

(A) Any person who wilfully and maliciously attempts to set fire to or attempts to burn or to aid, counsel or procure the burning of any of the buildings or property mentioned in [the foregoing sections,] SECTIONS 6 OR 7 OF THIS ARTICLE, or who commits any act preliminary thereto, or in furtherance thereof, [shall upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than two (2) years or fined not to exceed one thousand dollars.] IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING TEN YEARS.

(B) ANY PERSON WHO WILFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY ATTEMPTS TO SET FIRE TO OR ATTEMPTS TO BURN OR TO AID, COUNSEL OR PROCURE THE BURNING OF ANY OF THE BUILDINGS OR PROPERTY MENTIONED IN SECTIONS 8 OR 9 OF THIS ARTICLE , OR WHO COMMITS ANY ACT PRELIMINARY THERETO, OR IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING TWO YEARS OR BOTH.

(C) The placing or distributing of any flammable, explosive or combustible material or substance, or any