

**A007-0102**

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **The Desecration of the American Flag**

30 FOR the purpose of expanding the stipulations concerning the desecration and burning of the  
40 American flag.

50 BY adding to  
60 Article – Crimes and Punishments  
70 Section 83  
80 Annotated Code of Maryland  
90 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

100 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, that the  
110 laws of Maryland read as follows:

120 **Article – Crimes and Punishments**

130 §83

140 A person may not intentionally mutilate, deface, destroy, burn, trample upon, or otherwise use a  
150 flag:

160 (1) In a manner intended to incite or produce an imminent breach of the peace; and

170 (2) Under circumstances likely to incite or produce an imminent breach of the  
180 peace; AND,

190 (3) USE THE FLAG IN ANY PUBLIC MANNER OR PLACE THAT WILL  
200 DISRUPT OR OFFEND PERSONS PRESENT.

210 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act shall take effect on January 1,  
220 2002.

230 MANDATES: Governor Parris N. Glendening  
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