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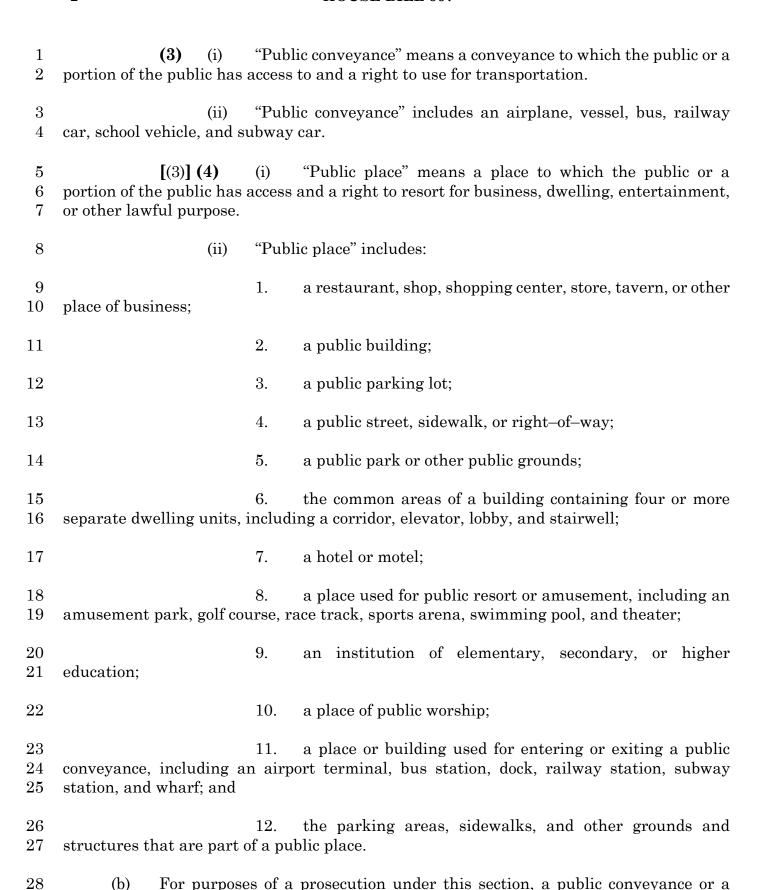
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## A BILL ENTITLED

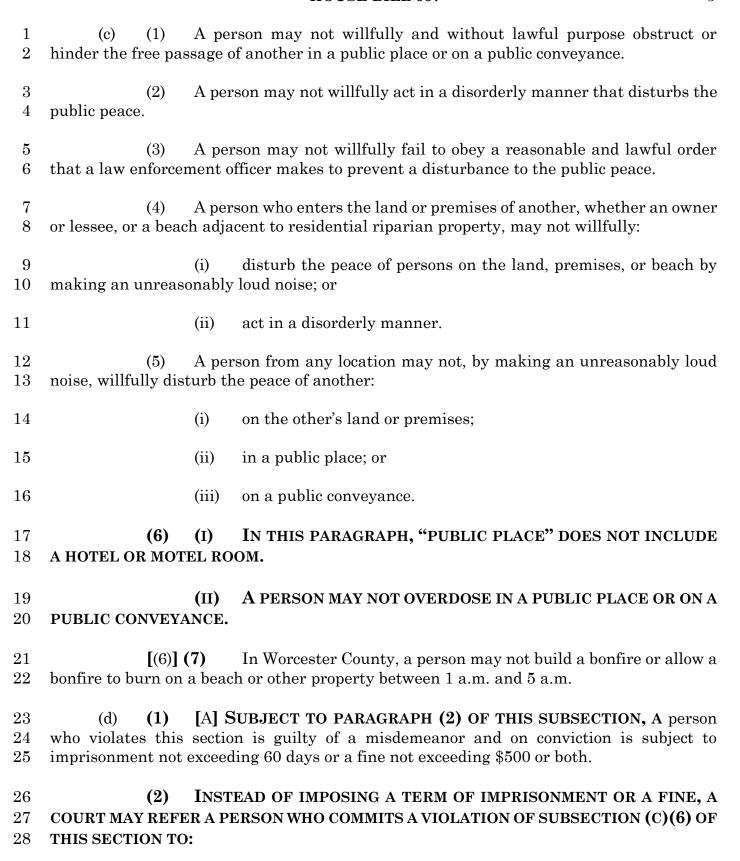
1 AN ACT concerning 2 Criminal Law - Overdosing in Public - Prohibition 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from overdosing in certain public places or on a public conveyance; authorizing a court to refer a person who overdoses in certain 4 5 public places or on a public conveyance to drug court or substance abuse treatment in lieu of other penalties; and generally relating to drug overdosing. 6 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 8 Article – Criminal Law 9 Section 10–201 10 Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement) 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Health – General 13 14 Section 13–3601(a) and (d) 15 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement) 16 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Criminal Law 19 20 10-201.21 In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) (1) "Overdose" has the meaning stated in § 13-3601 of the 22 (2)HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE. 23



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public place need not be devoted solely to public use.



1 (II) IF THERE IS NO DRUG COURT IN THE JURISDICTION, A 2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM.

## 3 Article – Health – General

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- 5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (d) "Overdose" means a condition, including extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, or death, resulting from the consumption or use of any controlled dangerous substance that requires medical attention, assistance, or treatment, and clinical suspicion for drug overdose, including respiratory depression, unconsciousness, or altered mental state, without other conditions to explain the clinical condition.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.