

State of Maryland Code
Article 27: Crimes and Punishments.
Sections 553 and 554

Sec. 553. Sodomy generally.

Every person convicted of the crime of sodomy shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than ten years.

(An. Code, 1951, sec. 626; 1939, sec. 577; 1924, sec. 486; 1912, sec. 439; 1904, sec. 387; 1888, sec. 250; 1793, ch. 57, sec. 10; 1809, ch. 138, sec. 4; 1976, ch. 573, sec. 3)

Sec. 554. Unnatural or perverted sexual practices.

Every person who is convicted of taking into his or her mouth the sexual organ of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of placing his or her sexual organ in the mouth of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of committing any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any other person or animal, shall be fined not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in jail or in the house of correction or in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding ten years, or shall be both fined and imprisoned within the limits above prescribed in the discretion of the court.

And in any indictment for the commission of any of the acts, hereby declared to be offenses, it shall not be necessary to set forth the particular unnatural or perverted sexual practice with the commission of which the defendant may be charged, nor to set forth the particular manner in which said unnatural or perverted sexual practice was committed, but it shall be sufficient if the indictment set forth that the defendant committed a certain unnatural and perverted sexual practice with a person or animal, as the case may be.

(An. Code, 1951, sec. 627; 1939, sec. 578; 1924, sec. 487; 1916, ch. 616; 1976, ch. 573, sec. 3.)