

SENATE BILL 399

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By: **Senator Shank**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Security Systems Services – Complaint Investigations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to conduct an investigation
4 that relates to any complaint alleging that an unauthorized person has provided
5 security systems services; specifying requirements for the complaint; and
6 generally relating to security systems services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
9 Section 18–101(a) and (f), 18–501, and 18–504
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
14 Section 18–205
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

20 18–101.

21 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (f) “Providing security systems services” means providing, on the premises of
23 a person’s residential or commercial property, the service of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) surveying the property for purposes of installing a security system;
- 2 (2) physically installing, maintaining, or repairing a security system
3 for the customer; or
- 4 (3) responding to a distress call or an alarm sounding from a security
5 system.

6 **18-205.**

7 (A) SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL CONDUCT AN
8 INVESTIGATION THAT RELATES TO ANY COMPLAINT ALLEGING THAT AN
9 UNAUTHORIZED PERSON HAS PROVIDED SECURITY SYSTEMS SERVICES.

10 (B) A COMPLAINT SHALL:

- 11 (1) BE IN WRITING AND UNDER OATH;
- 12 (2) STATE SPECIFICALLY THE FACTS ON WHICH THE COMPLAINT
13 IS BASED; AND
- 14 (3) BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY.

15 **18-501.**

16 A person may not engage, attempt to engage, offer to engage, or solicit to engage
17 in a business of providing security systems services in the State unless licensed by the
18 Secretary.

19 **18-504.**

20 (a) A person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of a
21 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or
22 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

23 (b) The fines assessed under §§ 18-309 and 18-3A-09 of this title may not
24 exceed \$5,000 per violation and shall be paid to the Secretary within 10 days after
25 final adjudication of any hearing or the waiver of any hearing.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2014.