

Chapter 57

(Senate Bill 399)

AN ACT concerning

Security Systems Services – Complaint Investigations

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

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

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

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

18–101.

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

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

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

18-205.

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

(B) A COMPLAINT SHALL:

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

18-501.

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

18-504.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.