

HOUSE BILL 183

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Cardin**

Requested: October 29, 2021

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Bail Bondsmen – Apprehension of Defendant**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a bail bondsman or an agent of a bail bondsman from
4 entering certain premises for the purpose of apprehending an individual unless
5 certain notice is provided; and generally relating to bail bondsmen.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Criminal Procedure

8 Section 5–216

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

14 **5–216.**

15 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
16 **INDICATED.**

17 **(2) “AGENT” MEANS A PERSON THAT ACTS OR IS AUTHORIZED TO ACT**
18 **AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A BAIL BONDSMAN.**

19 **(3) “BAIL BONDSMAN” MEANS A LICENSED LIMITED SURETY AGENT**
20 **OR A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN.**

21 **(B) A BAIL BONDSMAN OR AN AGENT OF A BAIL BONDSMAN MAY NOT ENTER**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 A BUILDING, APARTMENT, PREMISES, PLACE, OR THING TO BE SEARCHED IN ORDER
2 TO APPREHEND AN INDIVIDUAL UNLESS THE BAIL BONDSMAN OR AGENT OF A BAIL
3 BONDSMAN GIVES NOTICE OF THE BAIL BONDSMAN'S OR AGENT'S AUTHORITY OR
4 PURPOSE.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2022.