

# SENATE BILL 399

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By: **Senator Shank**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

2 (f) "Providing security systems services" means providing, on the premises of  
3 a person's residential or commercial property, the service of:

4 (1) surveying the property for purposes of installing a security system;

5 (2) physically installing, maintaining, or repairing a security system  
6 for the customer; or

7 (3) responding to a distress call or an alarm sounding from a security  
8 system.

9 **18-205.**

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

13 (B) **A COMPLAINT SHALL:**

14 (1) **BE IN WRITING AND UNDER OATH;**

15 (2) **STATE SPECIFICALLY THE FACTS ON WHICH THE COMPLAINT**  
16 **IS BASED; AND**

17 (3) **BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY.**

18 **18-501.**

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

22 **18-504.**

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.