

Chapter 361

**(Senate Bill 549)**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Identity Fraud – Name of the Individual**

FOR the purpose of repealing, for purposes of a certain provision of law prohibiting a person from knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent, possessing, obtaining, or helping another to possess or obtain personal identifying information for certain purposes, a certain limitation that a certain benefit, credit, good, service, thing of value, health information, or health care be obtained or accessed in the name of an individual; and generally relating to identity fraud.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 8–301(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

**Article – Criminal Law**

8–301.

(b) A person may not knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent possess, obtain, or help another to possess or obtain any personal identifying information of an individual, without the consent of the individual, in order to use, sell, or transfer the information to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing of value or to access health information or health care [in the name of the individual].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.**