

Chapter 478

(Senate Bill 927)

AN ACT concerning

Alarm Systems – Registration and Renewal – Penalties

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county and a municipality to impose a penalty against an alarm system contractor for the alarm system contractor’s ~~or the alarm user’s~~ failure to register an alarm system under certain circumstances; authorizing a county and a municipality to impose a penalty against an alarm system contractor for the alarm system contractor’s ~~or the alarm user’s~~ failure to renew an alarm system’s registration ~~within a certain number of days after a certain request for service~~ under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to alarm system registration and renewal.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 1–1312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 12–806(a)(1) through (3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

1–1312.

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

(2) “ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12–806 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) “ALARM USER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12–806 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

(C) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY REQUIRES AN ALARM USER OR AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR TO REGISTER AN ALARM SYSTEM, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY AGAINST AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AN ALARM SYSTEM ONLY IF:

(1) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR REQUESTED ~~AN EMERGENCY A~~ DISPATCH TO AN ALARM USER; AND

(2) ~~THE ALARM USER OR~~ THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FAILED TO REGISTER THE ALARM SYSTEM; ~~AND~~

~~(3) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR ALARM USER DOES NOT REGISTER THE ALARM SYSTEM WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE REQUESTED EMERGENCY DISPATCH.~~

(D) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY REQUIRES AN ALARM USER OR AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR TO RENEW AN ALARM SYSTEM'S REGISTRATION, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY AGAINST AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FOR FAILURE TO RENEW AN ALARM SYSTEM'S REGISTRATION ONLY IF:

(1) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR REQUESTED ~~AN EMERGENCY A~~ DISPATCH TO AN ALARM USER;

(2) ~~THE ALARM USER OR~~ THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FAILED TO RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM'S REGISTRATION; AND

~~(3) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR ALARM USER DOES NOT RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM'S REGISTRATION WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE REQUESTED EMERGENCY DISPATCH~~ THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PROVIDED THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR NOTICE THAT:

(I) THE ALARM SYSTEM'S REGISTRATION EXPIRED;

(II) THE ALARM USER OR THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR DID NOT RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM'S REGISTRATION; OR

(III) THE ALARM SYSTEM'S REGISTRATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

12-806.

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

(2) “Alarm system contractor” means a person who installs, maintains, monitors, alters, or services an alarm system.

(3) (i) “Alarm user” means a person in control of an alarm system in, on, or around any building, structure, facility, or site.

(ii) “Alarm user” includes the owner or lessee of an alarm system.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.