



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Support HB1049
Criminal Law – Package Theft
(Defense Against Porch Pirates Act)
Judiciary Committee

- This bill heightens penalties for those who steal delivered packages from the residence of the intended recipient
- Currently there are no MD state laws to deter package theft
- According to a study done by Safewise.com, Baltimore is ranked #4 for cities with the most package thefts¹
- As society begins to rely more on online shopping and package delivery for a variety of products (ex. Prescription medications, groceries, etc.), there needs to be more done to deter porch pirates from taking what does not belong to them

States that currently have similar provisions and penalties for package theft: Texas, South Carolina, and Michigan

¹ <https://www.safewise.com/resources/smart-doorbell-buyers-guide/#top-metros-package-theft>