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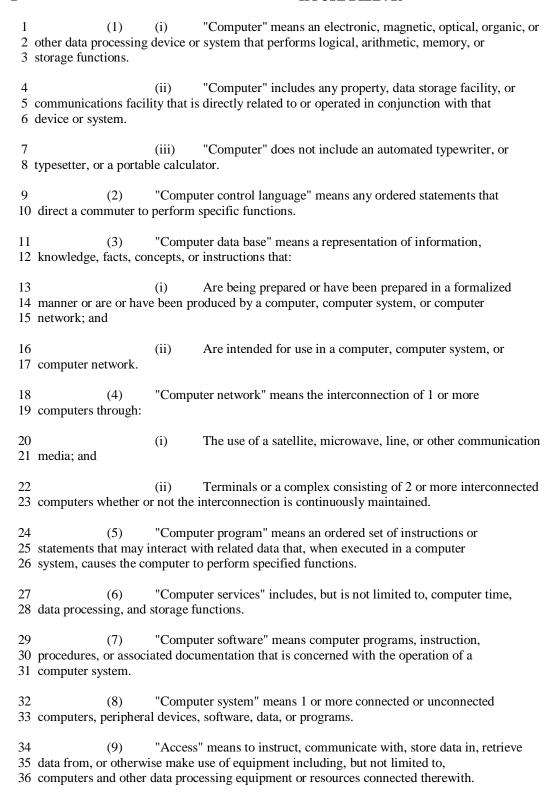
A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT co	ncerning
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2 Crimes - Computers - Exceeding Authorized Access

- 3 FOR the purpose of expanding the provisions relating to unauthorized access to
- 4 certain computer devices, systems, or services; establishing a statute of
- 5 limitations for certain computer crimes; and generally relating to computer
- 6 crimes.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 8 Article 27 Crimes and Punishments
- 9 Section 146(a)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article 27 Crimes and Punishments
- 14 Section 146(c)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 17 BY adding to
- 18 Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings
- 19 Section 5-106(x)
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 24 Article 27 Crimes and Punishments
- 25 146.
- 26 (a) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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3 4	ACCESS, to a compu	ess, [or] ter, com ystem, co	on may not intentionally, willfully, and without authorization cause access, OR EXCEED THE PERSON'S AUTHORIZED puter network, computer software, computer control omputer services, computer data base, or any part of	
8 9	(2) A person may not intentionally, willfully, and without authorization access, attempt to access, [or] cause access, OR EXCEED THE PERSON'S AUTHORIZED ACCESS, to a computer, computer network, computer software, computer control language, computer system, computer services, computer data base, or any part of these systems or services to:			
			Cause the malfunction or interrupt the operation of a computer, software, computer control language, computer system, data base, or any part of these systems or services; or	
	4 (ii) Alter, damage, or destroy data or a computer program stored, 5 maintained, or produced by a computer, computer network, computer system, 6 computer services, computer data base, or any part of these systems or services.			
17	(3)	A perso	on may not intentionally, willfully, and without authorization:	
18 19	access codes; or	(i)	POSSESS, [Identify] IDENTIFY, or attempt to identify any valid	
20 21	unauthorized person.	(ii)	Distribute or publicize any valid access codes to any	
22			Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings	
23	5-106.			
		ES SHAI	ON UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 146(C) OF THE CODE RELATING TO LL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE	
27 28	SECTION 2. AN October 1, 1998.	D BE IT	FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect	