
By: **Delegates Dembrow and Moe**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Fraud - Personal Identity Theft**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from assuming a person's identity for
4 certain purposes and with a certain intent; establishing certain penalties for a
5 violation of this Act; and generally relating to personal identification theft.

6 BY adding to

7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

8 Section 231 to be under the new subheading "Fraud - Personal Identity Theft"

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 **FRAUD - PERSONAL IDENTITY THEFT**

15 231.

16 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT ASSUME THE IDENTITY OF ANOTHER PERSON WITH
17 THE INTENT TO:

18 (1) FRAUDULENTLY OBTAIN CREDIT, MONEY, GOODS, OR SERVICES;

19 (2) FRAUDULENTLY AVOID THE PAYMENT OF DEBT OR OTHER LEGAL
20 OBLIGATION; OR

21 (3) AVOID PROSECUTION FOR A CRIME.

22 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
23 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 OR
24 IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1999.