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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Security Systems Technicians - Maryland Security Systems Training Board**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Security Systems Training Board;  
4 requiring the Secretary of State Police to adopt regulations to implement certain  
5 training requirements for security systems technicians developed by the  
6 Maryland Security Systems Training Board; providing for the composition of the  
7 Board and the terms, removal, and compensation of members of the Board;  
8 authorizing the Board to set certain fees; requiring the Board to develop certain  
9 training requirements for security systems technicians; making a technical  
10 change; and generally relating to the Maryland Security Systems Training  
11 Board.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
14 Section 18-101 and 18-202  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
19 Section 18-403  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

25 18-101.

26 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND SECURITY SYSTEMS TRAINING BOARD.

1 [(b)] (C) (1) "Circumventational information" means information, including  
2 pass codes, that allows an individual to alter the operation of a security system.

3 (2) "Circumventational information" does not include generic user or  
4 installation manuals.

5 [(c)] (D) "Firm" means a partnership or corporation.

6 [(d)] (E) "Firm member" means a partner of a partnership or an officer or  
7 director of a corporation.

8 [(e)] (F) "License" means a license issued by the Secretary or the Secretary's  
9 designee to engage in the business of providing security systems services for  
10 compensation.

11 [(f)] (G) "Providing security systems services" means providing, on the  
12 premises of a person's residential or commercial property, the service of:

13 (1) surveying the property for purposes of installing a security system;

14 (2) physically installing, maintaining, or repairing a security system for  
15 the customer; or

16 (3) responding to a distress call or an alarm sounding from a security  
17 system.

18 [(g)] (H) "Representative member" means a firm member who is appointed  
19 under this title to act on behalf of the firm.

20 [(h)] (I) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary's  
21 designee.

22 [(i)] (J) "Security systems agency" means an individual or a firm that  
23 conducts a business that provides security systems services.

24 [(j)] (K) "Security systems technician" means a person who personally  
25 provides security systems services.

26 18-202.

27 (a) In addition to any powers set forth elsewhere, the Secretary may:

28 (1) adopt regulations to carry out this title;

29 (2) use any member of the Department of State Police, as necessary, to  
30 carry out and enforce this title; and

31 (3) make inquiries and conduct an investigation regarding any applicant  
32 for a license or for registration.

33 (b) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Secretary shall:

1 (1) adopt regulations that set standards for the licensure of security  
2 systems agencies;

3 (2) adopt regulations that set standards for the registration of security  
4 systems technicians and other individuals who have access to circumventational  
5 information; [and]

6 (3) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE TRAINING  
7 REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD; AND

8 [(3)] (4) keep a roster of individuals registered as security systems  
9 technicians or as individuals who have access to circumventational information.

10 18-403.

11 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND SECURITY SYSTEMS TRAINING BOARD.

12 (B) (1) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS:

13 (I) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE SECRETARY'S  
14 DESIGNEE;

15 (II) ONE REGISTERED OR LICENSED SECURITY SYSTEMS  
16 TECHNICIAN, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

17 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APPOINTED  
18 BY THE GOVERNOR FROM A LIST OF NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE FIRE ALARM  
19 REDUCTION ASSOCIATION;

20 (IV) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN ADULT EDUCATION,  
21 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

22 (V) ONE CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE, APPOINTED BY THE  
23 GOVERNOR.

24 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE REGISTERED OR LICENSED  
25 SECURITY SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN FROM A LIST OF NAMES OF QUALIFIED  
26 INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE MARYLAND BURGLAR AND  
27 FIRE ALARM ASSOCIATION.

28 (3) THE CONSUMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD:

29 (I) SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND

30 (II) MAY NOT BE A LICENSEE OR OTHERWISE BE SUBJECT TO THE  
31 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD.

32 (C) THE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS  
33 MEMBERS.

34 (D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

1           (2)     AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A  
2 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

3           (3)     A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES  
4 ONLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED  
5 AND QUALIFIES.

6           (4)     A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE  
7 3-YEAR TERMS.

8     (E)     THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR INCOMPETENCE OR  
9 MISCONDUCT.

10    (F)     THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT  
11 ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE  
12 TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

13    (G)    (1)     A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
14 BOARD IS A QUORUM TO DO BUSINESS.

15           (2)     THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS  
16 MEETINGS.

17    (H)     THE BOARD MAY SET REASONABLE FEES TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO  
18 APPROXIMATE THE COST OF CARRYING OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

19    (I)     THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY  
20 SYSTEMS TECHNICIANS.

21    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2005.