

# HOUSE BILL 286

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Reports to “Crime Solvers” Organization –**  
3 **Inadmissibility and Confidentiality**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that evidence of a communication or information  
5 contained in the communication between an individual reporting alleged  
6 criminal activity to a certain “Crime Solvers” organization and the individual  
7 who accepts the report on behalf of the organization is not admissible in a court  
8 proceeding; establishing that a law enforcement agency that receives  
9 information concerning alleged criminal activity from a certain “Crime Solvers”  
10 organization may not disclose the identity of an individual providing  
11 information about the criminal activity under a promise of anonymity; defining  
12 a certain term; and generally relating to crime reporting.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Criminal Procedure

15 Section 11–1101 through 11–1103 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.  
16 Anonymous Crime Reporting”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

22 **SUBTITLE 11. ANONYMOUS CRIME REPORTING.**

23 **11–1101.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “CRIME SOLVERS ORGANIZATION” MEANS A PRIVATE,**  
2 **NONPROFIT MARYLAND ORGANIZATION GOVERNED BY A CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER**  
3 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPERATED ON A LOCAL OR STATEWIDE LEVEL THAT:**

4           **(1) OFFERS ANONYMITY TO AN INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING**  
5 **INFORMATION TO THE ORGANIZATION;**

6           **(2) ACCEPTS AND EXPENDS DONATIONS FOR CASH REWARDS TO**  
7 **INDIVIDUALS WHO REPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION INFORMATION ABOUT**  
8 **ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THAT THE ORGANIZATION FORWARDS TO**  
9 **APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND**

10           **(3) IS ESTABLISHED AS PART OF A COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE**  
11 **BETWEEN THE NEWS MEDIA, THE COMMUNITY, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
12 **OFFICIALS.**

13 **11-1102.**

14           **THE CONTENT OF A COMMUNICATION OR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN**  
15 **THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AN INDIVIDUAL REPORTING ALLEGED**  
16 **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO A CRIME SOLVERS ORGANIZATION AND THE INDIVIDUAL**  
17 **WHO ACCEPTS THE REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE CRIME SOLVERS**  
18 **ORGANIZATION IS NOT ADMISSIBLE IN A COURT PROCEEDING.**

19 **11-1103.**

20           **A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES INFORMATION**  
21 **CONCERNING ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY FROM A CRIME SOLVERS**  
22 **ORGANIZATION MAY NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**  
23 **PROVIDED TO THE CRIME SOLVERS ORGANIZATION INFORMATION ABOUT THE**  
24 **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY UNDER A PROMISE OF ANONYMITY.**

25           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
26 **October 1, 2009.**