

# SENATE BILL 217

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By: **Senator Stone**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Locksmiths Act – Exemptions – Repossession of Property**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting the lawful repossession of tangible personal property  
4 from the Maryland Locksmiths Act.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Business Regulation  
7 Section 12.5–103  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Business Regulation**

13 12.5–103.

14 The provisions of this title may not be construed to prohibit the following:

15 (1) bona fide sales demonstrations to locksmiths or locksmith  
16 suppliers by sales representatives who are not licensed;

17 (2) emergency opening services by members of police departments, fire  
18 departments, or other government agencies in their official line of duty in order to  
19 protect against loss of life or property;

20 (3) the acquisition, making, or use of any key duplication or key  
21 blanks;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the replacing of a removable or interchangeable core or  
2 recombining a cylinder in a lock that was specifically designed by the manufacturer  
3 to be changed by the end user by use of a key;

4 (5) the installation, repair, replacement, or rebuilding of a lock by the  
5 manufacturer of the lock;

6 (6) the installation, repair, replacement, or rebuilding of an  
7 automotive lock by an automotive repair and service facility, the lock manufacturer, or  
8 the manufacturer's agent;

9 (7) the installation of locks by building trades personnel on projects  
10 that require a building permit;

11 (8) the installation or replacement of locks by a retailer or the  
12 retailer's agent:

13 (i) on the premises of the retailer; or

14 (ii) off the premises of the retailer if the installation or  
15 replacement of locks is incidental to the retailer's normal course of business;

16 (9) the installation or replacement of locks by a security systems  
17 technician who is licensed under Title 18 of the Business Occupations and Professions  
18 Article; [and]

19 (10) the installation, repair, replacement, rekeying, or adjusting of  
20 locks or lock components for property by an employee or agent of the property owner or  
21 a management company; **AND**

22 **(11) THE LAWFUL REPOSSESSION OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL**  
23 **PROPERTY.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2010.