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AN ACT concerning

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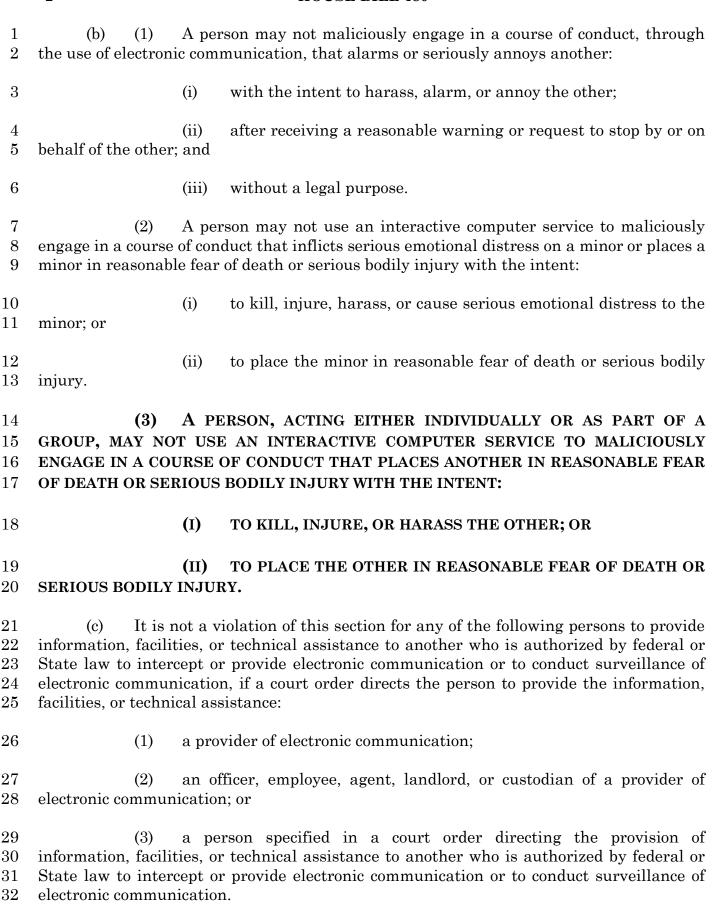
2	Criminal Law -	Harassment -	Misuse o	of Interactive	Computer	Service

- FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using an interactive computer service to maliciously engage in a certain course of conduct that places another in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury under certain circumstances; and generally relating to misuse of an interactive computer service.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Criminal Law
- 9 Section 3–805
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 14 Article Criminal Law
- 15 3–805.

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- 16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 17 (2) "Electronic communication" means the transmission of information, 18 data, or a communication by the use of a computer or any other electronic means that is 19 sent to a person and that is received by the person.
- 20 (3) "Interactive computer service" means an information service, system,
- or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including a system that provides access to the Internet and cellular
- 23 phones.





- 1 (d) Subsection (b)(1) of this section does not apply to a peaceable activity intended 2 to express a political view or provide information to others.
- 3 (e) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction 4 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 6 October 1, 2017.