

SENATE BILL 927

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By: **Senator Benson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alarm Systems – Registration and Renewal – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county and a municipality to impose a penalty against
4 an alarm system contractor for the alarm system contractor's or the alarm user's
5 failure to register an alarm system under certain circumstances; authorizing a
6 county and a municipality to impose a penalty against an alarm system contractor
7 for the alarm system contractor's or the alarm user's failure to renew an alarm
8 system's registration within a certain number of days after a certain request for
9 service under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating
10 to alarm system registration and renewal.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Local Government
13 Section 1–1312
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Local Government
18 Section 12–806(a)(1) through (3)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Local Government**

24 **1–1312.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
2 **INDICATED.**

3 **(2) “ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
4 **12-806 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

5 **(3) “ALARM USER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12-806 OF THIS**
6 **ARTICLE.**

7 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.**

8 **(C) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY REQUIRES AN ALARM USER OR AN**
9 **ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR TO REGISTER AN ALARM SYSTEM, THE COUNTY OR**
10 **MUNICIPALITY MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY AGAINST AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR**
11 **FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AN ALARM SYSTEM ONLY IF:**

12 **(1) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR REQUESTED AN EMERGENCY**
13 **DISPATCH TO AN ALARM USER;**

14 **(2) THE ALARM USER OR THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FAILED**
15 **TO REGISTER THE ALARM SYSTEM; AND**

16 **(3) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR ALARM USER DOES NOT**
17 **REGISTER THE ALARM SYSTEM WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE REQUESTED**
18 **EMERGENCY DISPATCH.**

19 **(D) IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY REQUIRES AN ALARM USER OR AN**
20 **ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR TO RENEW AN ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION, THE**
21 **COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY AGAINST AN ALARM SYSTEM**
22 **CONTRACTOR FOR FAILURE TO RENEW AN ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION ONLY IF:**

23 **(1) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR REQUESTED AN EMERGENCY**
24 **DISPATCH TO AN ALARM USER;**

25 **(2) THE ALARM USER OR THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FAILED**
26 **TO RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION; AND**

27 **(3) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR ALARM USER DOES NOT**
28 **RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE**
29 **REQUESTED EMERGENCY DISPATCH.**

30 12-806.

31 **(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.**

1 (2) “Alarm system contractor” means a person who installs, maintains,
2 monitors, alters, or services an alarm system.

3 (3) (i) “Alarm user” means a person in control of an alarm system in,
4 on, or around any building, structure, facility, or site.

5 (ii) “Alarm user” includes the owner or lessee of an alarm system.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2018.