

# SENATE BILL 927

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CF HB 1117

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By: **Senator Benson**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Local Government

2 1-1312.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
4 INDICATED.

5 (2) “ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
6 12-806 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

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

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

14 (1) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR REQUESTED ~~AN EMERGENCY A~~  
15 DISPATCH TO AN ALARM USER; AND

16 (2) ~~THE ALARM USER OR~~ THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FAILED  
17 TO REGISTER THE ALARM SYSTEM; ~~AND~~

18 (3) ~~THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR ALARM USER DOES NOT~~  
19 ~~REGISTER THE ALARM SYSTEM WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE REQUESTED~~  
20 ~~EMERGENCY DISPATCH.~~

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

25 (1) THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR REQUESTED ~~AN EMERGENCY A~~  
26 DISPATCH TO AN ALARM USER;

27 (2) ~~THE ALARM USER OR~~ THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FAILED  
28 TO RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION; AND

29 (3) ~~THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR ALARM USER DOES NOT~~  
30 ~~RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE~~

1 ~~REQUESTED EMERGENCY DISPATCH~~ THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PROVIDED THE  
2 ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR NOTICE THAT:

3 (I) THE ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION EXPIRED;

4 (II) THE ALARM USER OR THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR DID  
5 NOT RENEW THE ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION; OR

6 (III) THE ALARM SYSTEM’S REGISTRATION HAS BEEN  
7 SUSPENDED.

8 12-806.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.