

# HOUSE BILL 911

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By: **Delegates Valentine, Hornberger, McComas, Miller, and Rose**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Peace Orders – Visual Surveillance**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain person to petition for a peace order against  
4 another person whom the petitioner alleges has conducted visual surveillance of  
5 areas of the petitioner’s residence where the petitioner has a reasonable expectation  
6 of privacy; and generally relating to peace orders and visual surveillance.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 3–1501(a) and (i)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
14 Section 3–1503(a)(1)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 3–1501.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (i) “Residence” includes the yard, grounds, outbuildings, and common areas  
23 surrounding the residence.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 3–1503.

2 (a) (1) A petitioner may seek relief under this subtitle by filing with the court,  
3 or with a commissioner under the circumstances specified in § 3–1503.1(a) of this subtitle,  
4 a petition that alleges the commission of any of the following acts against the petitioner, or  
5 any of the following acts against the petitioner’s employee at the employee’s workplace, by  
6 the respondent, if the act occurred within 30 days before the filing of the petition:

7 (i) An act that causes serious bodily harm;

8 (ii) An act that places the petitioner or the petitioner’s employee in  
9 fear of imminent serious bodily harm;

10 (iii) Assault in any degree;

11 (iv) False imprisonment;

12 (v) Harassment under § 3–803 of the Criminal Law Article;

13 (vi) Stalking under § 3–802 of the Criminal Law Article;

14 (vii) Trespass under Title 6, Subtitle 4 of the Criminal Law Article;

15 (viii) Malicious destruction of property under § 6–301 of the Criminal  
16 Law Article;

17 (ix) Misuse of telephone facilities and equipment under § 3–804 of  
18 the Criminal Law Article;

19 (x) Misuse of electronic communication or interactive computer  
20 service under § 3–805 of the Criminal Law Article;

21 (xi) Revenge porn under § 3–809 of the Criminal Law Article; [or]

22 (xii) Visual surveillance under § 3–901, § 3–902, or § 3–903 of the  
23 Criminal Law Article; OR

24 **(XIII) VISUAL SURVEILLANCE, WHETHER OR NOT PROHIBITED**  
25 **UNDER § 3–901, § 3–902, OR § 3–903 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OF AREAS OF**  
26 **THE PETITIONER’S RESIDENCE WHERE THE PETITIONER HAS A REASONABLE**  
27 **EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2024.