

**HB0249/843728/1**

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 249  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “**Services**” insert “– Individuals With a Disability”; in line 6, after “property” insert “for the safety of an individual with a disability”; and after line 13, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - State Government  
Section 20-601(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

**“(2) “DISABILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 20-601 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.”**;

and in lines 19 and 21, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “**(3)**” and “**(4)**”, respectively.

On page 2, in lines 1, 3, and 5, strike “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “**(5)**”, “**(6)**”, and “**(7)**”, respectively; and in lines 20 and 21, strike “**OR ENFORCE**”.

On page 3, in line 1, after “(2)” insert “**THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR A MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT ENFORCE A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE THAT:**”

(I) ESTABLISHES A THRESHOLD OF REQUESTS TO SUMMON LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES TO A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR THE SAFETY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AS GROUNDS FOR DESIGNATING A PROPERTY AS A NUISANCE; OR

(II) PENALIZES OR AUTHORIZES A PENALTY AGAINST AN OPERATOR, AN OWNER, AN OWNER-OCCUPANT, OR A TENANT FOR:

1. THE ACT OF SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES TO A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR THE SAFETY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY; OR

2. THE ACTIONS OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO SUMMON THE ASSISTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES TO A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR THE SAFETY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

(3)”;

in line 3, strike “paragraph” and substitute “PARAGRAPHS”; in the same line, after “(1)(ii)” insert “AND (2)(II)”; and after line 23, insert:

“Article – State Government

20–601.

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

(b) (1) “Disability” means:

(i) 1. a physical disability, infirmity, malformation, or disfigurement that is caused by bodily injury, birth defect, or illness, including epilepsy; or

2. a mental impairment or deficiency;

(ii) a record of having a physical or mental impairment as otherwise defined under this subsection; or

(iii) being regarded as having a physical or mental impairment as otherwise defined under this subsection.

(2) "Disability" includes:

(i) 1. any degree of paralysis, amputation, or lack of physical coordination;

2. blindness or visual impairment;

3. deafness or hearing impairment;

4. muteness or speech impediment; and

5. physical reliance on a service animal, wheelchair, or other remedial appliance or device; and

(ii) retardation and any other mental impairment or deficiency that may have necessitated remedial or special education and related services."