

HOUSE BILL 210

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Requested: October 2, 2024

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Theft – Mail and Packages**
3 **(Porch Piracy Act of 2025)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the theft of mail or packages; and generally relating to theft
5 of mail and packages.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Criminal Law

8 Section 7–106.1

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 **7–106.1.**

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MAIL OR PACKAGE” MEANS AN ITEM DELIVERED OR**
16 **LEFT TO BE COLLECTED BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE OR A DELIVERY SERVICE**
17 **COMPANY THAT DELIVERS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

18 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY AND WITHOUT**
19 **PERMISSION OF THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF THE MAIL OR PACKAGE OBTAIN OR**
20 **EXERT CONTROL OVER MAIL OR A PACKAGE DELIVERED TO ANOTHER WITH THE**
21 **INTENT TO DEPRIVE THE OWNER OF THE MAIL OR PACKAGE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 **(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND**
2 **ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS.**

3 **(D) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT**
4 **MAY ORDER THE DEFENDANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A DIVERSION PROGRAM IN LIEU**
5 **OF INCARCERATION.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2025.