

HOUSE BILL 787

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HB 280/25 – JUD

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Theft – Mail and Packages**
3 **(Porch Piracy Act of 2026)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the theft of mail or packages; authorizing the court to order
5 a certain person to undergo evaluation and treatment for a substance use disorder;
6 and generally relating to theft of mail and packages.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 7–106.1
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 **7–106.1.**

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

19 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY AND WITHOUT
20 PERMISSION OF THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF THE MAIL OR PACKAGE OBTAIN OR
21 EXERT CONTROL OVER MAIL OR A PACKAGE DELIVERED TO ANOTHER WITH THE
22 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.



1 **(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND**
2 **ON CONVICTION:**

3 **(1) SHALL BE ORDERED BY THE COURT TO:**

4 **(I) RESTORE THE MAIL OR PACKAGE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM**
5 **THE MAIL OR PACKAGE IS ADDRESSED; OR**

6 **(II) PAY RESTITUTION FOR THE VALUE OF THE MAIL OR**
7 **PACKAGE UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE;**
8 **AND**

9 **(2) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, IS SUBJECT TO**
10 **IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS AND NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A**
11 **FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500 OR BOTH.**

12 **(D) AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCING FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT**
13 **CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE DEFENDANT TO**
14 **UNDERGO EVALUATION AND TREATMENT FOR A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER.**

15 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
16 **October 1, 2026.**