

HOUSE BILL 788

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HB 143/25 – JUD

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Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the theft of mail or packages; authorizing the court to order
5 a person convicted of a certain crime to stay away from certain locations; and
6 generally relating to theft of mail and packages.

7 BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 7-106.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

(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:

Article – Criminal Law

15 7-106.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "MAIL OR PACKAGE" MEANS AN ITEM DELIVERED OR TO BE COLLECTED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OR A DELIVERY ICE 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.

(c) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS.

2 (2) AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCING, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE
3 DEFENDANT TO STAY AWAY FROM:

4 (I) THE LOCATION WHERE THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION
5 OCCURRED;

6 (II) ALL REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VICTIM;

7 (III) THE VICTIM'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT; AND

8 (IV) ANY LOCATION THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY PROVED AT
9 TRIAL THAT THE DEFENDANT TARGETED IN THE COURSE OF VIOLATING THIS
10 SECTION.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2026.