

# HOUSE BILL 899

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Home Detention Monitoring Agencies – Promotion and Solicitation of Business**  
3 **– Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~a private home detention monitoring agency~~, an agent of a  
5 private home detention monitoring agency, an employee of a courthouse, or an  
6 employee of a correctional facility from performing certain acts on the grounds of a  
7 courthouse or correctional facility; and generally relating to the promotion of and  
8 solicitation of business for private home detention monitoring agencies.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – ~~Business Occupations and Professions~~ Criminal Procedure

11 Section ~~20-702~~ 5-210.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (~~2018~~ 2025 Replacement Volume and ~~2025~~ Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – ~~Business Occupations and Professions~~ Criminal Procedure**

17 ~~**20-702.5-210.1.**~~

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, ~~“AGENT” MEANS A PERSON THAT ACTS OR IS~~  
19 ~~AUTHORIZED TO ACT AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE HOME DETENTION~~  
20 ~~MONITORING AGENCY~~ “PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCY” HAS THE

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 MEANING STATED IN § 20-101 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS  
2 ARTICLE.

3 (B) ON THE GROUNDS OF A COURTHOUSE OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, ~~A~~  
4 ~~PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCY~~, AN AGENT OF A PRIVATE HOME  
5 DETENTION MONITORING AGENCY, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COURTHOUSE, OR AN  
6 EMPLOYEE OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAY NOT:

7 (1) APPROACH, ENTICE, OR INVITE A PERSON TO USE THE SERVICES  
8 OF A SPECIFIC PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCY;

9 (2) DISTRIBUTE, DISPLAY, OR WEAR AN ITEM THAT ADVERTISES THE  
10 SERVICES OF A PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCY; OR

11 (3) OTHERWISE SOLICIT BUSINESS FOR A PRIVATE HOME DETENTION  
12 MONITORING AGENCY.

13 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY  
14 OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

15 (1) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 AND, IF LICENSED IN  
16 ACCORDANCE WITH ~~THIS TITLE~~ TITLE 20 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND  
17 PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, A 30-DAY LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR A FIRST OFFENSE;  
18 AND

19 (2) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 AND, IF LICENSED IN  
20 ACCORDANCE WITH ~~THIS TITLE~~ TITLE 20 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND  
21 PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, A 90-DAY LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR A SUBSEQUENT  
22 OFFENSE.

23 (D) A PERSON LICENSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ~~THIS TITLE~~ TITLE 20 OF  
24 THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE THAT IS CONVICTED OF  
25 A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT ~~OF~~  
26 ~~PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES~~ FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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