

SENATE BILL 536

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By: **Senator Folden**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Private Home Detention Monitoring Agencies – Notification of Violation**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a private home detention monitoring
4 agency provide notice to the designated law enforcement agency for certain violations
5 of home detention monitoring; and generally relating to private home detention
6 monitoring.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
9 Section 20–401(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 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 – Business Occupations and Professions**

15 20–401.

16 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, on
17 determining that a defendant subject to private home detention monitoring under the
18 provisions of § 5–201(b) of the Criminal Procedure Article has violated a condition of home
19 detention monitoring, the private home detention monitoring agency responsible for
20 monitoring the defendant shall notify within 24 hours[:

21 (i)] the court that ordered private home detention monitoring as a
22 condition of the defendant’s pretrial release[; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) the designated law enforcement agency, as determined by the court, in Baltimore City or the county where the court is located].

(2) On determining that a defendant subject to private home detention monitoring under the provisions of § 5–201(b) of the Criminal Procedure Article has tampered with home detention monitoring equipment or failed to maintain home detention monitoring equipment as required by a court order, the private home detention monitoring agency responsible for monitoring the defendant shall notify within 1 hour:

(i) the court that ordered private home detention monitoring as a condition of the defendant's pretrial release; and

(ii) the designated law enforcement agency, as determined by the court, in Baltimore City or the county where the court is located.

(3) On determining that a defendant subject to private home detention monitoring under the provisions of § 5–201(b) of the Criminal Procedure Article has entered an area that the defendant is expressly prohibited from entering as a condition of pretrial release, the private home detention monitoring agency responsible for monitoring the defendant shall notify immediately:

(i) the court that ordered private home detention monitoring as a condition of the defendant's pretrial release; and

(ii) the designated law enforcement agency, as determined by the court, in Baltimore City or the county where the court is located.

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