

SENATE BILL 540

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CF HB 899

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

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

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
11 Section 20–702
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 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**

17 **20–702.**

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.

21 (B) ON THE GROUNDS OF A COURTHOUSE OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, A
22 PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCY, AN AGENT OF A PRIVATE HOME

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 DETENTION MONITORING AGENCY, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COURTHOUSE, OR AN
2 EMPLOYEE OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAY NOT:

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

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

7 (3) OTHERWISE SOLICIT BUSINESS FOR A PRIVATE HOME DETENTION
8 MONITORING AGENCY.

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

11 (1) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 AND, IF LICENSED IN
12 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE, A 30-DAY LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR A FIRST
13 OFFENSE; AND

14 (2) A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 AND, IF LICENSED IN
15 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE, A 90-DAY LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR A
16 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

17 (D) A PERSON LICENSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE THAT IS
18 CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FOR
20 APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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