

SENATE BILL 540

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CF HB 899

By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings 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

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.**

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 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “AGENT” MEANS A PERSON THAT ACTS OR IS**
2 **AUTHORIZED TO ACT AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE HOME DETENTION**
3 **MONITORING AGENCY.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **(D) A PERSON LICENSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE THAT IS**
23 **CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE**
24 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FOR**
25 **APPROPRIATE ACTION.**

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