

(B) Except for alarm systems activated by acts of God, weather conditions, or causes beyond the control of the alarm user, an alarm system that is negligently or accidentally activated as the result of faulty, malfunctioning, or improperly installed or maintained equipment shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

[(b)](C) A law enforcement agency or fire department may issue a civil citation to an alarm user if the number of false alarms to which any law enforcement agency or fire department actually responds exceeds:

- (1) 3 responses within a 30-day period; or
- (2) 8 or more responses within a 12-month period.

[(c)](D) The civil citation shall include a fine of:

- (1) \$30 for each initial false alarm; and
- (2) \$30 for each additional false alarm.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 402

(Senate Bill 519)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Sheriff - Appointments Personnel

~~FOR the purpose of modifying the appointment authority of the Baltimore City Sheriff, requiring that the Sheriff appoint a certain number of deputy sheriff majors, deputy sheriff captains, deputy sheriff lieutenants, and deputy sheriff sergeants, stenographers, docket clerks, and clerks; authorizing the Sheriff to appoint a certain number of deputy sheriffs; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Sheriff.~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the Sheriff of Baltimore City to appoint certain personnel; authorizing the Sheriff to appoint certain personnel; and generally relating to the Sheriff of Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section ~~2-309(d)~~ 2-309(d)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)