

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 29, 1984.

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CHAPTER 630

(House Bill 546)

AN ACT concerning

Fraud - Upon Cable Television Companies

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may not destroy, damage, tamper with, install, or remove any equipment of a franchised or private cable television company with the intent to obtain cable television service without payment; ~~providing that a person may not obtain cable television services by certain means without payment to certain cable television companies; providing that a person may not prevent, obstruct, or delay certain material transmitted by certain cable television companies; providing that certain acts taken with respect to cable television companies shall be prima facie evidence of intent to obtain cable television services without payment; providing for certain penalties for violations of this Act; and generally relating to fraud upon cable television companies.~~

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 194B to be under the new subheading "Fraud - Upon  
Cable Television Companies"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

FRAUD - UPON CABLE TELEVISION COMPANIES

194B.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT DESTROY,--DAMAGE,--CUT, TAMPER WITH, INSTALL, TAP, REMOVE, DISPLACE, OR MAKE ANY CONNECTION WITH ANY WIRE, CONDUIT, APPARATUS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OF A FRANCHISED CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY OR PRIVATE CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY WITH