

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 156D
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

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156D.

(a) In this section an alarm system is deemed a defective alarm system if:

(1) More than 3 false alarms occur within a 30-day period; or

(2) 8 or more false alarms occur within a 12-month period.

(b) A law enforcement agency that answers false alarms shall provide written notice to the alarm user of the defective condition.

(c) Upon notice from the appropriate law enforcement agency, an alarm user who has a defective alarm system shall:

(1) Have the system inspected WITHIN 30 DAYS by an alarm system contractor or alarm user, if qualified; and

(2) Within 15 days after the inspection file a written report with the law enforcement agency.

(d) The report shall contain:

(1) The results of the alarm system contractor or alarm user's inspection;

(2) The probable cause of the false alarms; and

(3) Actions taken or recommendations for eliminating the false alarms.

(e) Any alarm user who continues to use a defective alarm system is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or both.