

~~Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1992 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

~~121B.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) (1) "COURSE OF CONDUCT" MEANS A PERSISTENT PATTERN OF CONDUCT COMPOSED OF TWO OR MORE ACTS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, HOWEVER SHORT, THAT EVIDENCES A CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE.~~

~~(II) "COURSE OF CONDUCT" DOES NOT INCLUDE CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY.~~

~~(3) "PROTECTIVE ORDER" MEANS ANY COURT ORDER, INCLUDING ANY TYPE OF RESTRAINING ORDER OR INJUNCTION, THAT ORDERS A PERSON TO:~~

~~(I) REFRAIN FROM ABUSING OR THREATENING TO ABUSE ANOTHER PERSON;~~

~~(II) REFRAIN FROM CONTACTING, ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT, OR HARASSING ANOTHER PERSON;~~

~~(III) REFRAIN FROM ENTERING THE RESIDENCE OF ANOTHER PERSON; OR~~

~~(IV) REMAIN AWAY FROM THE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, SCHOOL, OR RESIDENCE OF ANOTHER PERSON.~~

~~(4) "STALK" MEANS TO ENGAGE IN A KNOWING AND WILLFUL COURSE OF CONDUCT THAT INVOLVES AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED THREAT TO KILL ANOTHER PERSON OR TO INFLECT BODILY INJURY ON ANOTHER PERSON THAT IS MADE:~~

~~(I) WITH THE INTENT TO PLACE THAT PERSON IN FEAR OF BODILY INJURY OR DEATH; AND~~

~~(II) IN ANY MANNER OR CONTEXT THAT CAUSES THAT PERSON TO REASONABLY FEAR BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.~~

~~(B) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT STALK ANOTHER PERSON.~~

~~(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR BOTH.~~