

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 40B to be under the new subheading “Code Grabbing”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 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

CODE GRABBING

40B.

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

(1) “CODE GRABBING DEVICE” MEANS A DEVICE THAT IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING AND RECORDING THE CODED SIGNAL SENT BY THE TRANSMITTER OF AN ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM AND PLAYING BACK THE SIGNAL TO DISARM THE ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM.

(2) “ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM” INCLUDES:

- (I) AN ELECTRONIC HOME SECURITY SYSTEM;
- (II) A MOTOR VEHICLE SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM; ~~AND~~
- (III) AN AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOOR OPENER; AND
- (IV) A HOME DETENTION MONITORING DEVICE.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT MANUFACTURE, SELL, USE, OR POSSESS A CODE GRABBING DEVICE WITH THE INTENT TO USE IT FOR THE CODE GRABBING DEVICE TO BE USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING ~~3 YEARS~~ 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.