

House Bill 278, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 25, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 200.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 200

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Computer Piracy

FOR the purpose of revising provisions of law concerning computer-related crimes; providing that certain computer-related crimes resulting in losses above a certain amount constitute a felony; establishing certain penalties; defining ~~certain terms~~; a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to computer-related crimes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 146

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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

146.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "ACCESS" MEANS TO INSTRUCT, COMMUNICATE WITH, STORE DATA IN, RETRIEVE, INTERCEPT DATA FROM, OR OTHERWISE USE THE RESOURCES OF A COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK.

(3) (I) "AGGREGATE AMOUNT" MEANS ANY DIRECT ~~OR INDIRECT~~ LOSS OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES INCURRED BY A VICTIM.

(II) "AGGREGATE AMOUNT" INCLUDES THE VALUE OF ANY MONEY, PROPERTY, OR SERVICE LOST, STOLEN, OR RENDERED UNRECOVERABLE BY THE OFFENSE, OR ANY ACTUAL REASONABLE EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE VICTIM TO VERIFY ~~THAT~~ WHETHER A COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK WAS ~~NOT~~ ALTERED, ACQUIRED, DAMAGED, DELETED, DISRUPTED, OR DESTROYED BY THE ACCESS.