

Baltimore City is not necessary in light of Art. 1, § 14(a) and the term "county" defined in § 1-101 of this article, which includes Baltimore City.

Defined term: "Person" 1-101

TITLE 7. THEFT AND RELATED CRIMES.

SUBTITLE 1. CRIMES INVOLVING THEFT.

PART I. THEFT.

7-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the introductory language of former Art. 27, § 340.

(B) DECEPTION.

(1) "DECEPTION" MEANS KNOWINGLY TO:

(I) CREATE OR CONFIRM IN ANOTHER A FALSE IMPRESSION THAT THE OFFENDER DOES NOT BELIEVE TO BE TRUE;

(II) FAIL TO CORRECT A FALSE IMPRESSION THAT THE OFFENDER PREVIOUSLY HAS CREATED OR CONFIRMED;

(III) PREVENT ANOTHER FROM ACQUIRING INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED;

(IV) SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OR ENCUMBER PROPERTY WITHOUT DISCLOSING A LIEN, ADVERSE CLAIM, OR OTHER LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PROPERTY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE IMPEDIMENT IS OF VALUE OR A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RECORD;

(V) INSERT OR DEPOSIT A SLUG IN A VENDING MACHINE;

(VI) REMOVE OR ALTER A LABEL OR PRICE TAG;

(VII) PROMISE PERFORMANCE THAT THE OFFENDER DOES NOT INTEND TO PERFORM OR KNOWS WILL NOT BE PERFORMED; OR

(VIII) MISREPRESENT THE VALUE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OFFERED FOR SALE BY TAMPERING OR INTERFERING WITH ITS ODOMETER, OR BY DISCONNECTING, RESETTING, OR ALTERING ITS ODOMETER WITH THE INTENT TO CHANGE THE MILEAGE INDICATED.

(2) "DECEPTION" DOES NOT INCLUDE PUFFING OR FALSE STATEMENTS OF IMMATERIAL FACTS AND EXAGGERATED REPRESENTATIONS THAT ARE UNLIKELY TO DECEIVE AN ORDINARY INDIVIDUAL.