

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101

"Person" § 1-101

7-303. INTERFERENCE WITH CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

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

(2) "CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY" MEANS A FRANCHISED OR PRIVATE CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY.

(3) "CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE" MEANS:

(I) CABLE AND SATELLITE CABLE PROGRAMMING;

(II) SERVICE PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THE FACILITY OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM OR A CLOSED CIRCUIT COAXIAL CABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM; OR

(III) A MICROWAVE, SATELLITE, OR SIMILAR TRANSMISSION SERVICE USED WITH A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM OR A CLOSED CIRCUIT COAXIAL CABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

(B) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF INTENT.

(1) DESTROYING, DAMAGING, CUTTING, TAMPERING WITH, INSTALLING, TAPPING, REMOVING, DISPLACING, OR CONNECTING WITH A WIRE, CONDUIT, APPARATUS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OF A CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF AN INTENT TO RECEIVE CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES WITHOUT PAYMENT.

(2) ACTUAL POSSESSION OF A DEVICE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE AN ACT PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION, OR POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF A QUANTITY OF THOSE DEVICES INDICATING POSSESSION FOR RESALE, IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF AN INTENT TO VIOLATE THIS SECTION.

(C) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT:

(1) DESTROY, DAMAGE, CUT, TAMPER WITH, INSTALL, TAP, REMOVE, DISPLACE, OR CONNECT WITH A WIRE, CONDUIT, APPARATUS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OF A CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY WITH THE INTENT TO RECEIVE CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES WITHOUT PAYMENT;

(2) PREVENT, OBSTRUCT, OR DELAY THE SENDING, CONVEYANCE, DISTRIBUTION, OR RECEIVING OF PROGRAMMING MATERIAL TRANSMITTED BY A CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY;

(3) WITH THE INTENT TO DEPRIVE A PERSON OF LAWFUL COMPENSATION, RECEIVE, ATTEMPT TO RECEIVE, OR ASSIST ANOTHER TO RECEIVE: