

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

CHAPTER 361

(House Bill 613)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Visual and Camera Surveillance - Penalties

FOR the purpose of ~~making increasing the penalties for the crime of visually observing, with prurient interest, an individual without the consent of that individual a felony and increasing the penalties; making increasing the penalties for the crime of placing or procuring another to place a camera on real property where a private residence is located to conduct certain observations of an individual inside the private residence a felony and increasing the penalties; providing a certain exception from the crime of placing a camera on real property where a private residence is located for certain individuals; and~~ generally relating to visual and camera surveillance of an individual without the consent of that individual.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 3-902 and 3-903

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Criminal Law

3-902.

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

(2) "Camera" includes any electronic device that can be used surreptitiously to observe an individual.

(3) (i) "Private place" means a room in which a person can reasonably be expected to fully or partially disrobe and has a reasonable expectation of privacy, in:

1. an office, business, or store;
2. a recreational facility;
3. a restaurant or tavern;