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- 4. a hotel, motel, or other lodging facility;
- 5. a theater or sports arena;
- 6. a school or other educational institution;
- 7. a bank or other financial institution;
- 8. any part of a day care home used for the care and custody of a child; or
 - 9. another place of public use or accommodation.
- (ii) "Private place" includes a tanning room, dressing room, bedroom, or restroom.
- (4) (i) "Visual surveillance" means the deliberate, surreptitious observation of an individual by any means.
 - (ii) "Visual surveillance" includes surveillance by:
 - 1. direct sight;
 - 2. the use of mirrors; or
 - 3. the use of cameras.
- (iii) "Visual surveillance" does not include a casual, momentary, or unintentional observation of an individual.
 - (b) This section does not apply to a person who without prurient intent:
 - (1) conducts filming by or for the print or broadcast media;
- (2) conducts or procures another to conduct visual surveillance of an individual to protect property or public safety or prevent crime; or
 - (3) conducts visual surveillance and:
- (i) holds a license issued under Title 13 or Title 19 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; and
 - (ii) is acting within the scope of the person's occupation.
- (c) A person may not with prurient intent conduct or procure another to conduct visual surveillance of an individual in a private place without the consent of that individual.
- (d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a {misdemeanor} FELONY and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [6 months] 5 2 YEARS 1 YEAR or a fine not exceeding [\$1,000] \$10,000 \$2,500 or both.
- (e) (1) An individual who was under visual surveillance in violation of this section has a civil cause of action against any person who conducted or procured another to conduct the visual surveillance.