

Article – Criminal Law  
Section 8–301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

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8–301.

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

(2) “Payment device number” has the meaning stated in § 8–213 of this title.

(3) “Personal identifying information” [means] **INCLUDES** a name, address, telephone number, driver’s license number, Social Security number, place of employment, employee identification number, mother’s maiden name, bank or other financial institution account number, date of birth, personal identification number, credit card number, or other payment device number.

(b) A person may not knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent possess, obtain, or help another to possess or obtain any personal identifying information of an individual, without the consent of the individual, in order to use, sell, or transfer the information to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing of value in the name of the individual.

(c) A person may not knowingly and willfully assume the identity of another:

(1) to avoid identification, apprehension, or prosecution for a crime; or

(2) with fraudulent intent to:

(i) get a benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing of value; or

(ii) avoid the payment of debt or other legal obligation.

**(D) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY CLAIM TO REPRESENT ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THAT PERSON, WITH THE INTENT TO SOLICIT, REQUEST, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION TO OTHERWISE INDUCE ANOTHER PERSON TO PROVIDE PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OR A PAYMENT DEVICE NUMBER.**