

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

FRAUD - TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

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

(2) "ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO HAS SUFFERED A SPECIFIC AND DIRECT INJURY TO A RIGHT PROTECTED BY THIS SECTION.

(3) "MANUFACTURE" OR "ASSEMBLE", WITH RESPECT TO AN UNLAWFUL ACCESS DEVICE, MEANS:

(I) TO MAKE, PRODUCE, OR ASSEMBLE AN UNLAWFUL ACCESS DEVICE;

(II) TO MODIFY, ALTER, PROGRAM, OR REPROGRAM AN INSTRUMENT, DEVICE, MACHINE, EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, OR SOFTWARE, SO THAT IT IS CAPABLE OF DEFEATING OR CIRCUMVENTING TECHNOLOGY, SOFTWARE, OR A DEVICE THAT IS USED BY THE PROVIDER, OWNER, OR LICENSEE OF A TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE OR OF A DATA, AUDIO, OR VIDEO PROGRAM OR TRANSMISSION, TO PROTECT THE TELECOMMUNICATION, DATA, AUDIO, OR VIDEO SERVICE, PROGRAM, OR TRANSMISSION FROM UNAUTHORIZED RECEIPT, ACQUISITION, ACCESS, DECRYPTION, DISCLOSURE, COMMUNICATION, TRANSMISSION, OR RETRANSMISSION; OR

(III) KNOWINGLY TO ASSIST OTHERS IN THOSE ACTIVITIES.

(4) "MANUFACTURE" OR "ASSEMBLE", WITH RESPECT TO AN UNLAWFUL TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE OR ACCESS CODE, MEANS:

(I) TO MAKE, PRODUCE, OR ASSEMBLE AN UNLAWFUL TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE OR ACCESS CODE;

(II) TO MODIFY, ALTER, PROGRAM, OR REPROGRAM A TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE OR ACCESS CODE TO BE CAPABLE OF ACQUIRING, DISRUPTING, RECEIVING, TRANSMITTING, DECRYPTING; OR FACILITATING THE ACQUISITION, DISRUPTION, RECEIPT, TRANSMISSION, OR DECRYPTION OF A TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OR EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDER; OR

(III) KNOWINGLY TO ASSIST OTHERS IN THOSE ACTIVITIES.

(5) "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE OR ACCESS CODE" MEANS:

(I) AN INSTRUMENT, DEVICE, MACHINE, EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, OR SOFTWARE WHICH IS CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING, ACQUIRING,