

HOUSE BILL 143

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Conaway**

Requested: October 1, 2024

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Theft – Mail and Packages**
3 **(Porch Piracy Act of 2025)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the theft of mail or packages; authorizing the court to order
5 a person convicted of a certain crime to stay away from certain locations; and
6 generally relating to theft of mail and packages.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 7–106.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 **7–106.1.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MAIL OR PACKAGE” MEANS AN ITEM DELIVERED OR**
17 **LEFT TO BE COLLECTED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OR A DELIVERY**
18 **SERVICE COMPANY THAT DELIVERS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

19 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY AND WITHOUT**
20 **PERMISSION OF THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF THE MAIL OR PACKAGE OBTAIN OR**
21 **EXERT CONTROL OVER MAIL OR A PACKAGE DELIVERED TO ANOTHER WITH THE**
22 **INTENT TO DEPRIVE THE OWNER OF THE MAIL OR PACKAGE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY**
2 **AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS.**

3 **(2) AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCING, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE**
4 **DEFENDANT TO STAY AWAY FROM:**

5 **(I) THE LOCATION WHERE THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION**
6 **OCCURRED;**

7 **(II) ALL REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VICTIM;**

8 **(III) THE VICTIM'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT; AND**

9 **(IV) ANY LOCATION THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY PROVED AT**
10 **TRIAL THAT THE DEFENDANT TARGETED IN THE COURSE OF VIOLATING THIS**
11 **SECTION.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2025.