

# HOUSE BILL 645

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Wireless Security Systems – Local Government Licenses**  
3 **and Permits**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a local government from requiring a license or permit,  
5 including a certain license, to install, maintain, inspect, replace, or service certain  
6 wireless security systems; defining certain terms; and generally relating to licenses  
7 and permits by a local government for wireless security systems.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Business Regulation

10 Section 19–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Security Systems”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Business Regulation**

16 **SUBTITLE 9. SECURITY SYSTEMS.**

17 **19–901.**

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

20 **(2) (I) “SECURITY SYSTEM” MEANS ANY BURGLARY ALARM**  
21 **SYSTEM OR ROBBERY ALARM SYSTEM.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(II) “SECURITY SYSTEM” INCLUDES THE SERVICE OF**  
2 **MONITORING THE PROPERTY TO WHICH A SECURITY SYSTEM IS ATTACHED IN CASE**  
3 **OF AN ALARM SOUNDING.**

4                   **(3) (I) “WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEM” MEANS A SECURITY SYSTEM**  
5 **THAT IS NOT HARDWIRED.**

6                   **(II) “WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEM” INCLUDES ANCILLARY**  
7 **LOW-VOLTAGE COMPONENTS THAT ARE EITHER WIRELESS OR BATTERY-OPERATED**  
8 **AND SUPPLEMENTARY SMOKE DETECTORS AS DEFINED IN THE NATIONAL FIRE**  
9 **PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 72: NATIONAL FIRE ALARM AND SIGNALING CODE.**

10                   **(B) IF A WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEM DOES NOT REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION**  
11 **OF A FIRE PROTECTION PLAN REVIEW TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR COMPLIANCE**  
12 **WITH THE STATE OR A LOCAL BUILDING CODE, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT**  
13 **REQUIRE A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, INSPECT, REPLACE, OR**  
14 **SERVICE THE WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEM, INCLUDING A LICENSE TO PERFORM**  
15 **ELECTRICAL WORK.**

16                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2018.