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Revisions to the Guidelines Offense Table

The Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) has revised the Guidelines Offense Table to reflect:

- (1) addition of three previously unclassified offenses;
- (2) reclassification of one offense from property to person;
- (3) addition of two offenses with a maximum penalty of one year or less since they may be prosecuted in circuit courts; and
- (4) minor edits to the table, including a slight revision to an offense description and the correction of a statute.

These changes were adopted in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) effective July 6, 2026. They are summarized below. A print friendly version of the updated [Guidelines Offense Table](#) (Appendix A of the [Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual](#); MSGM, version 17.3) is available on the MSCCSP website. This file is searchable by key word, CJIS Code, Source, etc. Please discard any prior versions of the Guidelines Offense Table, as information in prior versions may no longer be accurate.

Previously Unclassified Offenses

Annotated Code of Maryland	Offense	Statutory Maximum	Offense Type	Adopted Seriousness Category
BR, §9A-501 BR, §9A-502 BR, §9A-503 BR, §9A-504 BR, §9A-505(a)(2) (penalty)	Commercial Fraud, Other Providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services without a license; employing unlicensed individuals; misrepresentation as license holder, subsequent	2 years	Property	VII
TR, §12-301(c), (d) TR, §12-301(m)(1) (penalty)	Motor Vehicle Offense Commit fraud or misrepresentation in applying for an identification card	3 years	Property	VII
TR, §16-301(a), (b) TR, §16-301(r)(2) (penalty)	Motor Vehicle Offense Obtaining, or attempting to obtain, a driver's license or moped operator's permit by misrepresentation	3 years	Property	VII

Offense with Offense Type Category Change

Annotated Code of Maryland	Offense	Statutory Maximum	Seriousness Category	Prior Offense Type	New Offense Type
HO, §§14-5C-20 — 14-5C-22 HO, §14-5C-23(a) (penalty)	Fraud, Miscellaneous Practicing polysomnography without a license	1 year	VII	Property	Person

Offenses with Statutory Maximum of One Year or Less

Annotated Code of Maryland	Offense	Statutory Maximum	Offense Type	Seriousness Category
BR, §9A-501 BR, §9A-502 BR, §9A-503 BR, §9A-504 BR, §9A-505(a)(2) (penalty)	Commercial Fraud, Other Providing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services without a license; employing unlicensed individuals; misrepresentation as license holder, 1 st offense	6 months	Property	VII
CR, §3-901	Surveillance and Other Crimes Against Privacy Conduct or procure another to conduct visual surveillance of an individual in a private place without their consent (“peeping Tom”)	30 days	Person	VII

Note regarding the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS)

The list of offenses in the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS) has been updated to reflect the revisions to the Guidelines Offense Table noted above.