## **SENATE BILL 924**

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## Courts - Electronic Communications - Privacy

FOR the purpose of altering provisions of law governing the manner in which an investigative or law enforcement officer may require a wire or electronic communication service to disclose the contents of certain wire or electronic communications: requiring a certain probable cause for the issuance of a certain warrant under certain circumstances; requiring a court that issues a certain warrant to indicate a certain deadline to a certain service provider: authorizing service of the warrant on a certain service provider; requiring a certain service provider to produce certain information; authorizing a certain service provider to request a certain extension; authorizing the court to grant an extension under certain circumstances; authorizing a service provider to provide certain information on the request of an agent of this State or a political subdivision of this State in response to a certain request under certain circumstances; requiring a certain subscriber to be provided a certain notice; authorizing a certain subscriber to seek judicial review of a certain warrant, court order, or subpoena; requiring a certain agent to provide a certain notice under certain circumstances in a certain manner; authorizing a court to grant a certain application to direct a certain service provider not to make a certain notification under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to grant a certain application under certain circumstances; providing for the admissibility of certain communications content; requiring a certain court to annually submit a certain report to the Administrative Office of the Courts on a certain date; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to annually submit a certain report to the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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**COMPLIANCE BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER.** 

1	General Assembly on a certain date; providing for a certain cause of action;
2	defining certain terms; expanding the application of a provision of law that
3	requires an investigative or law enforcement officer to obtain a certain search
4	warrant in order to require a provider of wire or electronic communication
5	service to disclose the contents of wire or electronic communication that is in
6	electronic storage in a wire or electronic communications system for 180 days or
7	less to a wire or electronic communication that is in electronic storage for any
8	amount of time; making certain stylistic and conforming changes; and generally
9	relating to the privacy of electronic communications.
9	relating to the privacy of electronic communications.
10	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11	Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
$\frac{11}{12}$	Section 10–4A–04 and 10–4A–06
13	Annotated Code of Maryland
14	(2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
15	BY adding to
16	Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
	Section 10-4A-09 and $10-4A-10$
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18	Annotated Code of Maryland
19	(2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
20	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21	MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
41	MANTLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows.
22	Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
23	10-4A-04.
24	(a) (1) An investigative or law enforcement officer may require a provider
25	of wire or electronic communication service to disclose the contents of wire or
26	electronic communication that is in electronic storage in a wire or electronic
27	communications system [for 180 days or less,] only in accordance with a search
28	warrant issued by a court of competent jurisdiction BASED ON PROBABLE CAUSE
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30	(I) A SPECIFIC MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY HAS BEEN OR IS
31	BEING COMMITTED; AND
91	BEING COMMITTED, AND
32	(H) THE ELECTRONIC CUSTOMER DATA OR
33	COMMUNICATIONS CONTENT BEING SOUGHT CONSTITUTES EVIDENCE OF THE
34	MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY.
35	(B) (1) A COURT THAT ISSUES A WARRANT UNDER SUBSECTION (A)
36	OF THIS SECTION SHALL INDICATE IN THE WARRANT THE DEADLINE FOR

1	(2) (I) A WARRANT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
2	MAY BE SERVED ON A SERVICE PROVIDER THAT IS A DOMESTIC ENTITY OR A
3	COMPANY OR ENTITY OTHERWISE DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE UNDER A
4	CONTRACT OR A TERMS-OF-SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH A RESIDENT OF THE
5	STATE ONLY IF PART OF THAT CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT IS TO BE PERFORMED
6	IN THE STATE.
7	(II) THE SERVICE PROVIDER DESCRIBED IN
8	SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PRODUCE ALL INFORMATION
9	<del>SOUGHT:</del>
10	1. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INFORMATION IS
11	HELD AT A LOCATION IN THIS STATE OR AT A LOCATION IN ANOTHER STATE;
12	AND
13	2. WITHIN THE PERIOD ALLOWED FOR COMPLIANCE
14	WITH THE WARRANT.
1 -	(9) (1) A CURVICE PROVIDER RECOVERING TO A WARRANT
15	(3) (1) A SERVICE PROVIDER RESPONDING TO A WARRANT
16	ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY REQUEST AN EXTENSION
17	OF THE PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE WARRANT IF EXTENUATING
18	CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST TO JUSTIFY THE EXTENSION.
19	(H) THE COURT SHALL GRANT A REQUEST FOR AN
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21	EXTENSION BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I)
<b>4</b> 1	<del>OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF:</del>
22	1. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AUTHORIZED
23	TO APPLY FOR THE WARRANT OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZED LAW
$\frac{23}{24}$	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AGREES TO THE EXTENSION; OR
<b>4</b> T	ENTOROLIMENT OFFICERINGIANES TO THE EXTENSION, ON
25	2. THE COURT FINDS THAT THE NEED FOR THE
26	EXTENSION OUTWEIGHS THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE EXTENSION COULD
27	RESULT IN:
28	A. Danger to the life or physical safety of an
29	INDIVIDUAL;
30	B. A FLIGHT FROM PROSECUTION BY AN ALLEGED
31	OFFENDER;
32	C. THE DESTRUCTION OF OR TAMPERING WITH
33	EVIDENCE;

1	D. THE INTIMIDATION OF A POTENTIAL WITNESS; OR
2 3	E. SERIOUS JEOPARDY TO AN INVESTIGATION OR UNDUE DELAY OF A TRIAL.
4 5	(4) ONLY THE COMMUNICATIONS CONTENT DESCRIBED IN THE WARRANT APPLICATION MAY BE SEIZED UNDER THE WARRANT.
6 7 8 9 10	[(2) An investigative or law enforcement officer may require a provider of wire or electronic communications services to disclose the contents of wire or electronic communication that has been in electronic storage in an electronic communications system for more than 180 days in accordance with the procedures provided under subsection (b) of this section.
11 12 13 14	(b) (1) An investigative or law enforcement officer may require a provider of remote computing service to disclose the contents of wire or electronic communication to which this paragraph applies under paragraph (2) of this subsection:
15 16	(i) Without notice to the subscriber or customer, if the officer obtains a search warrant issued by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
17 18	(ii) With prior notice from the officer to the subscriber or customer, if the officer:
19	1. Uses a grand jury subpoena; or
20 21	2. Obtains a court order requiring the disclosure under subsection (d) of this section.
22 23	(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection applies to any wire or electronic communication that is held or maintained on a remote computing service:
24 25 26 27	(i) On behalf of, and received by means of electronic transmission from, or created by means of computer processing of communications received by means of electronic transmission from, a subscriber or customer of the remote computing service; and
28 29 30 31	(ii) Solely for the purpose of providing storage or computer processing services to the subscriber or customer, if the provider is not authorized to access the contents of any communication for purposes of providing any services other than storage or computer processing.]

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- (1) THE SERVICE PROVIDER REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING IMMEDIATE DANGER OF THE DEATH OF OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO AN INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES DISCLOSURE WITHOUT DELAY OF COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY;
- 8 (2) THE REQUEST DOCUMENTS THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR
  9 BELIEVING THAT THE EMERGENCY REQUIRES OBTAINING WITHOUT DELAY THE
  10 INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY; AND
- 11 (3) NOT LATER THAN 48 HOURS AFTER THE AGENT OBTAINS
  12 ACCESS TO RECORDS, THE AGENT FILES WITH THE APPROPRIATE COURT A
  13 SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT BY A SUPERVISORY OFFICIAL PROVIDING THE
  14 GROUNDS FOR THE EMERGENCY ACCESS AND SEEKING RETROACTIVE
  15 APPROVAL.
  - [(c)] (B) (1) (i) In this subsection, "record or other information" includes name, address, local and long distance telephone connection records, or records of session times and durations, length of service (including start date) and types of service utilized, telephone or instrument number or other subscriber number or identity, including any temporarily assigned network address, and means and source of payment for such service, including any credit card or bank account number.
- 22 (ii) "Record or other information" does not include the contents 23 of communications to which [subsections (a) and (b)] SUBSECTION (A) of this section 24 [apply] APPLIES.
  - (2) (i) **Except** as provided in **SUBJECT TO** subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a provider of electronic communications service or remote computing service may disclose a record or other information pertaining to a subscriber to or a customer of the service to **f**any person other than **f** an investigative or law enforcement officer.
- 30 (ii) A provider of electronic communications service or remote 31 computing service shall disclose a record or other information pertaining to a 32 subscriber to or a customer of the service to an investigative or law enforcement officer 33 only if the officer:
  - 1. OBTAINS A SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE SUBSCRIBER OR CUSTOMER; OR

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1 2	2. WITH PRIOR NOTICE FROM THE OFFICER TO THE SUBSCRIBER OR CUSTOMER:
3 4 5	<b>I</b> 1. I → Uses a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, a State grand jury subpoena, or a subpoena authorized under § 15–108 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
6 7	₹2. Obtains a warrant from a court of competent jurisdiction;
8 9	3.] B. Obtains a court order requiring the disclosure under [subsection (d)] SUBSECTION (F) (C) of this section; or
10 11	$\{4.\}$ C. Has the consent of the subscriber or customer to the disclosure.
12 13 14	<b>{</b> (3) An investigative or law enforcement officer receiving records or information under this subsection is not required to provide notice to a subscriber or customer. <b>{</b>
15 16	(E) A SUBSCRIBER WHOSE COMMUNICATIONS CONTENT OR
16	SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION IS SOUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A WARRANT,
17 18	COURT ORDER, OR SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE WARRANT, COURT ORDER, OR SUBPOENA.
19 20 21 22 23	[(d)] (F) (C) (1) A court of competent jurisdiction may issue an order requiring disclosure under [subsection (b) or (c)] SUBSECTION (D) (B) of this section only if the investigative or law enforcement officer shows that there is reason to believe the contents of a wire or electronic communication, or the records or other information sought, are relevant to a legitimate law enforcement inquiry.
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25 26 27	(2) A court issuing an order under this section may quash or modify the order, on a motion made promptly by the service provider, if the information or records requested are unusually voluminous in nature or if compliance with the order otherwise would cause an undue burden on the provider.
25 26	the order, on a motion made promptly by the service provider, if the information or records requested are unusually voluminous in nature or if compliance with the order

In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

1	<del>(2)</del>	<del>"Adve</del>	erse result" means:
2		<del>(i)</del>	Endangering the life or physical safety of an individual;
3		<del>(ii)</del>	Flight from prosecution;
4		<del>(iii)</del>	Destruction of or tampering with evidence;
5		<del>(iv)</del>	Intimidation of potential witnesses; or
6 7	delaying a trial.	<del>(v)</del>	Otherwise seriously jeopardizing an investigation or unduly
8	<del>(3)</del>	<del>"Supe</del>	ervisory official" means:
9		<del>(i)</del>	The Secretary or Deputy Secretary of State Police;
10 11	official of a law en	<del>(ii)</del> <del>forcem</del>	The chief of police, deputy chief of police, or equivalent ent agency of any political subdivision of the State;
12 13	<del>General;</del>	<del>(iii)</del>	The Attorney General of the State or a Deputy Attorney
14		<del>(iv)</del>	The State Prosecutor or Deputy State Prosecutor; or
15		<del>(v)</del>	A State's Attorney or Deputy State's Attorney.
16 17			EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS FER THAN 3 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER AN AGENT OF THE
18 19	STATE OR A		HTICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE RECEIVES HTENT FROM A SERVICE PROVIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20			UBTITLE, THE AGENT SHALL SERVE ON OR DELIVER TO
21	· ·		CUSTOMER A NOTICE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (E)
22	OF THIS SECTION		COSTONIEM IN NOTICE IN SEEDING (E)
23		<del>(II)</del>	THE NOTICE REQUIRED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
24	PARAGRAPH MAY	` /	ERVED OR DELIVERED BY REGISTERED OR FIRST-CLASS
25	MAIL, ELECTRON	HC MA	IL, OR OTHER MEANS REASONABLY CALCULATED TO BE
26	ŕ		ED BY THE COURT ISSUING THE WARRANT.
27 28	(2) 10-4A-04 of this s		nvestigative or law enforcement officer [acting under § ]-may:
29	= 1 / =	` '	If a [court order] WARRANT is sought, include in the
30	application a rec	<del>juest l</del>	for an order delaying the notification required under [§
31	<del>10-4A-05 of] this</del>	subtit	tle for a period not to exceed 90 days, which the court shall

$1\\2$	0 ,			mines that there is reason to believe that notification of the er may have an adverse result; or
3		<del>[(2)]</del>	<del>(II)</del>	If a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or a
4		- ' / -	` '	obtained UNDER § 10-4A-04(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE, delay
5				under [§ 10–4A–05 of] this subtitle for a period not to exceed
6				cution of a written certification to a court of competent
7				sory official that there is reason to believe that notification of
8	-	-	_	oena may have an adverse result.
9	<del>(e)</del>	The in	vestig	sative or law enforcement officer shall maintain a true copy of
10			_	under [subsection (b)(2)] SUBSECTION (B)(2)(II) of this
11	<del>section.</del>			
12	<del>(d)</del> :	` '		nsions of a delay in notification may be granted by the court
13	<del>upon applica</del>	<del>tion o</del>	<del>r by c</del>	certification by a supervisory official under subsection (b) of
14	this section.			
15		<del>(2)</del>	An e	extension DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS
16	SECTION ma	<del>y not e</del>	exceec	<del>l 90 days.</del>
17	<del>(e)</del> =	[ <del>Upon</del> ]	<del>] IN A</del>	ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION,
18	OR ON expire	<del>ation c</del>	of the	period of a delay of notification under [subsection (b) or (d)]
19	SUBSECTION	<del>l (B)(2</del>	<del>2) OI</del>	R (D) of this section, the investigative or law enforcement
20	officer shall s	<del>erve u</del>	<del>ipon, </del>	or deliver by registered or first-class mail, to the customer or
21	<del>subscriber a c</del>	<del>copy of</del>	the p	process or request together with a notice that:
22		<del>(1)</del>	State	s with reasonable specificity the nature of the law
23	enforcement			
24		<del>(2)</del>	<del>Infor</del> i	ms the customer or subscriber:
25		4	<del>(i)</del>	That information maintained for the customer or subscriber
26	hy the service		` '	named in the process or request was supplied to or requested
27				aw enforcement officer and the date on which the information
28				est was made;
29		4	<del>(ii)</del>	That notification of the customer or subscriber was delayed;
20			(:::)	Of the identity of the importanting on law enforcement
30 31	officer or com		<del>(iii)</del> -mode	Of the identity of the investigative or law enforcement the certification or determination authorizing the delay; and
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32		:	<del>(iv)</del>	Of the statutory authority for the delay.
33	<del>(f)</del> :	<del>(1)</del>	<del>(I)</del>	If notice to the subscriber is [not required under §
34	<del>10-4A-04(b)(</del>	(1) of th	<del>his su</del>	btitle or if notice is delayed under subsection (b) or (d) of this

1	section, an investigative or law enforcement officer acting under § 10-4A-04 of this
2	subtitle may apply to a court for an order requiring a provider of electronic
3	communications service or remote computing service to whom a warrant, subpoena, or
4	court order is directed, for such period as the court deems appropriate, not to notify
5	any other person of the existence of the warrant, subpoena, or court order.
6	(H) The court shall enter an order under this subsection if the
7	court determines that there is reason to believe that notification of the existence of the
8	warrant, subpoena, or court order will have an adverse result.
9	(2) THE COURT MAY, ON APPLICATION, GRANT ONE OR MORE
10	EXTENSIONS OF AN ORDER GRANTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
11	SUBSECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15 DAYS.
10	(a) (1) Evapor in a hipiana ar an arministra proceeding
12	(G) (1) EXCEPT IN A JUDICIAL OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
13	ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, NO COMMUNICATIONS CONTENT
14	OBTAINED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN A
15	CRIMINAL, A CIVIL, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OR ANY OTHER PROCEEDING.
16	(2) DISCOVERY OF THE LOCATION INFORMATION APPLICATION,
17	AFFIDAVIT, WARRANT, AND ADDITIONAL RELATED DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, IS
18	SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND RULES 4-262 AND 4-263.
19	<del>10-4A-09.</del>
20	(A) On the second Friday in January of each calendar year, a
21	COURT THAT ISSUED OR DENIED A WARRANT UNDER THIS SECTION DURING THE
22	PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
23	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SPECIFYING WITH REGARD TO EACH
24	WARRANT APPLICATION RECEIVED BY THE COURT:
25	(1) THE IDENTITY OF THE AGENT OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL
26	SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE MAKING THE APPLICATION;
27	(2) The offense specified in the warrant or application
28	FOR THE WARRANT;
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29	(3) THE NATURE OF THE FACILITIES FROM WHICH OR THE PLACE
30	WHERE THE INFORMATION WAS TO BE OBTAINED;
31	(4) Whether the warrant was granted as applied for,

(5) THE PERIOD OF DISCLOSURES AUTHORIZED BY THE WARRANT AND THE NUMBER AND DURATION OF EXTENSIONS OF THE WARRANT.

WAS MODIFIED, OR WAS DENIED; AND

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1	(B) (1) IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2015, THE
2	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE GENERAL
3	ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1254 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
4	ARTICLE, AND MAKE AVAILABLE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
5	COURTS' PUBLIC WEB SITE A FULL AND COMPLETE REPORT CONCERNING THE
6	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR WARRANTS AUTHORIZING OR REQUIRING THE
7	DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
8	SECTION.
9	(2) (1) A REPORT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
10	SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE A SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE DATA
11	REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THAT OFFICE.
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12	(II) THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS MAY
13	ISSUE GUIDANCE REGARDING THE FORM OF A REPORT UNDER THIS
14	SUBSECTION.
15	<del>10-4A-10.</del>
16	(A) A SERVICE PROVIDER OR A SUBSCRIBER OR CUSTOMER OF THAT
17	PROVIDER THAT IS AGGRIEVED BY A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS A CIVIL
18	CAUSE OF ACTION IF THE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE VIOLATION WAS
19	COMMITTED KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY.
20	(B) AN AGGRIEVED PERSON UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
21	IS ENTITLED TO:
41	15 ENTITLED 10.
22	(1) Injunctive relief;
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23	(2) REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER LITIGATION
24	COSTS REASONABLY INCURRED; AND
25	(3) THE SUM OF THE ACTUAL DAMAGES SUFFERED AND ALL
26	PROFITS MADE BY THE VIOLATOR AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLATION OR \$1,000,
27	WHICHEVER IS GREATER.
28	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29	October 1, 2014.