HOUSE BILL 56
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By: Delegate Carr
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Search Warrants – Utility Meters

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a law enforcement officer from accessing certain information, in the course of an investigation, from certain utility companies without a certain search warrant; defining a certain term; and generally relating to utility meters and search warrants.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Procedure

1–203.2.

(A) In this section, “SMART METER” means a digital meter that allows two-way communication between the premises of a utility customer and a water, gas, or electric utility company through a wireless network as a component of advanced metering infrastructure.

(B) A law enforcement officer may not obtain utility data recorded by a smart meter, in the course of an investigation, without a search warrant issued under § 1–203 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.