

HOUSE BILL 914

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*ENROLLED BILL*  
*-- Judiciary/Judicial Proceedings --*

Introduced by **Delegates Rudolph, Comeau, Klausmeier, W. Baker, Slade,  
Hutchins, and Moe**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Child Pornography - Internet Interception of Communications**

3 FOR the purpose of adding child pornography ~~and unauthorized access to computers~~  
4 to the offenses an investigative or law enforcement officer may lawfully  
5 investigate, under certain circumstances, by intercepting wire, oral, or  
6 electronic communications; adding child pornography ~~and unauthorized access~~  
7 ~~to computers~~ to the offenses for which the Attorney General, the State  
8 Prosecutor, or a State's Attorney must receive a court order ~~for~~ before lawfully  
9 intercepting wire, oral, or electronic communications without prior consent from  
10 any party to the interception; and generally relating to the interception of  
11 communications.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
14 Section 10-402(c)(2) and 10-406  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

4 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5 10-402.

6 (c) (2) It is lawful under this subtitle for an investigative or law enforcement  
7 officer acting in a criminal investigation or any other person acting at the prior  
8 direction and under the supervision of an investigative or law enforcement officer to  
9 intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication in order to provide evidence of the  
10 commission of the offenses of murder, kidnapping, rape, a sexual offense in the first or  
11 second degree, child abuse, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 27, §§  
12 419A AND 419B, ~~UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO COMPUTERS, AS PROVIDED UNDER~~  
13 ~~ARTICLE 27, § 146~~ OF THE CODE, gambling, robbery, any felony punishable under the  
14 "Arson and Burning" subheading of Article 27, bribery, extortion, or dealing in  
15 controlled dangerous substances, including violations of Article 27, § 286B or § 287A,  
16 fraudulent insurance acts, as defined in Title 27, Subtitle 4 of the Insurance Article,  
17 offenses relating to destructive devices under Article 27, § 139C of the Code, or any  
18 conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of these offenses, or where any person has  
19 created a barricade situation and probable cause exists for the investigative or law  
20 enforcement officer to believe a hostage or hostages may be involved, where the  
21 person is a party to the communication or one of the parties to the communication has  
22 given prior consent to the interception.

23 10-406.

24 The Attorney General, State Prosecutor, or any State's Attorney may apply to a  
25 judge of competent jurisdiction, and the judge, in accordance with the provisions of §  
26 10-408 of this subtitle, may grant an order authorizing the interception of wire, oral,  
27 or electronic communications by investigative or law enforcement officers when the  
28 interception may provide or has provided evidence of the commission of the offense of  
29 murder, kidnapping, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 27, §§ 419A AND  
30 419B, ~~UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO COMPUTERS, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 27, § 146~~ OF  
31 THE CODE, gambling, robbery, any felony punishable under the "Arson and Burning"  
32 subheading of Article 27 of this Code, bribery, extortion, or dealing in controlled  
33 dangerous substances, offenses relating to destructive devices under Article 27, §  
34 139C of the Code, or any conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing  
35 offenses. No application or order shall be required if the interception is lawful under  
36 the provisions of § 10-402(c) of this subtitle.

37 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
38 October 1, 1998.

