

**Department of Legislative Services**  
 Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

**Revised**

House Bill 607 (Delegate Montague. *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Criminal Procedure - Telephone Solicitation Theft - Wire and Electronic Surveillance**

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This bill makes it lawful for an investigative or law enforcement officer to intercept a wire or electronic communication in the course of a law enforcement investigation of possible “telephone solicitation theft” if the investigator or officer is a party to the communication by use of a telephone. This exception to current law prohibitions against such intercepts is also extended to persons acting in the same circumstances under the direction of an investigative or law enforcement officer.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Any change in State activities arising from this bill and relating to investigations of telemarketing fraud would not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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