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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental - State
Police, Dept. of)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police - Communication Systems - Responsibility**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying certain communication systems for which the
4 Department of State Police is responsible with respect to connection with other
5 law enforcement agencies and authorized State agencies; and generally relating
6 to the Department of State Police and communication systems.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 88B - Department of State Police
9 Section 7
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article 88B - Department of State Police**

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16 Any law enforcement agency of the State or [any] A State agency AUTHORIZED
17 BY THE DEPARTMENT may be permitted to connect with and use any [teletypewriter]
18 COMPUTER, voice communication SYSTEM, data communication SYSTEM INCLUDING
19 THE MARYLAND INTERAGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (MILES), THE
20 NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC), AND THE NATIONAL LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NLETS), message switching
22 SYSTEM, or other communication system established by the Department for statewide
23 use. Such connection and use shall be subject to and in accordance with rules
24 established by the Secretary to promote the purposes of this subtitle, to insure the
25 effective, economical, and efficient utilization of the entire system, and to prevent
26 interference with the law enforcement duties of the Department. Violation of such
27 rules shall constitute sufficient basis for withdrawal of permission to connect with
28 and use such system. To the extent permitted by specific budget appropriation, the

1 cost of rental of such equipment and the circuitry necessary thereto shall be paid by
2 the State, except rental and/or purchase costs of terminal devices and the circuitry
3 necessary thereto tied to the Department's Computer System; all supplies and other
4 charges connected therewith shall be paid by the law enforcement agency.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
6 effect October 1, 1999.