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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police - Communication Systems - Waiver of Fees for**  
3 **Mobile Digital Terminals**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting law enforcement agencies from charges and fees from  
5 the Department of State Police for connecting with or accessing the Maryland  
6 Interagency Law Enforcement System through mobile digital terminals located  
7 in vehicles owned by law enforcement agencies; and generally relating to waiver  
8 of fees for mobile digital terminals.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 88B - Department of State Police  
11 Section 7  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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

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18 (A) Any law enforcement agency of the State or a State agency authorized by  
19 the Department may be permitted to connect with and use any computer, voice  
20 communication system, data communication system including the Maryland  
21 Interagency Law Enforcement System (MILES), the National Crime Information  
22 Center (NCIC), and the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System  
23 (NLETS), message switching system, or other communication system established by  
24 the Department for statewide use. Such connection and use shall be subject to and in  
25 accordance with rules established by the Secretary to promote the purposes of this  
26 subtitle, to insure the effective, economical, and efficient utilization of the entire  
27 system, and to prevent interference with the law enforcement duties of the  
28 Department. Violation of such rules shall constitute sufficient basis for withdrawal of

1 permission to connect with and use such system. To the extent permitted by specific  
2 budget appropriation, the cost of rental of such equipment and the circuitry necessary  
3 thereto shall be paid by the State, except rental and/or purchase costs of terminal  
4 devices and the circuitry necessary thereto tied to the Department's Computer  
5 System; SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, all supplies and other  
6 charges connected therewith shall be paid by the law enforcement agency.

7 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT IMPOSE ANY CHARGES OR FEES ON ANY LAW  
8 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE STATE FOR CONNECTING WITH OR ACCESSING THE  
9 MARYLAND INTERAGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (MILES) THROUGH MOBILE  
10 DIGITAL TERMINALS LOCATED IN MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE  
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2000.