
By: **Senator Van Hollen**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Admissibility of**
3 **Evidence**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing intercepted communications between certain persons
5 or in another jurisdiction to be received into evidence in certain criminal
6 proceedings under certain circumstances; and generally relating to admissibility
7 of evidence of certain communications.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 10-405
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 10-405.

17 (A) [Whenever] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,
18 WHENEVER any wire or oral communication has been intercepted, no part of the
19 contents of the communication and no evidence derived therefrom may be received in
20 evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding in or before any court, grand jury,
21 department, officer, agency, regulatory body, legislative committee, or other authority
22 of this State, or a political subdivision thereof if the disclosure of that information
23 would be in violation of this subtitle.

24 (B) THE CONTENTS OF AN INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING AN
25 INTERCEPTION PROHIBITED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, MAY BE RECEIVED INTO
26 EVIDENCE IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, IF SUCH COMMUNICATION WAS:

1 (1) BETWEEN TWO OR MORE PERSONS WHO WERE NOT ACTING AS LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND THE INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATION IS RELEVANT TO
3 A CRIME AT ISSUE IN THE PROCEEDING; OR

4 (2) INTERCEPTED IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION, AND THE INTERCEPTION
5 WOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IN THE OTHER
6 JURISDICTION.

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