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AN ACT concerning Intercepts Communications – Penalty

FOR the purpose of reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing any wire, oral, or electronic communications; and generally relating to intercepted communications.

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10–402.
(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this subtitle it is unlawful for any
person to:

(1) Willfully intercept, endeavor to intercept, or procure any other person
to intercept or endeavor to intercept, any wire, oral, or electronic communication;

(2) Willfully disclose, or endeavor to disclose, to any other person the
contents of any wire, oral, or electronic communication, knowing or having reason to know
that the information was obtained through the interception of a wire, oral, or electronic
communication in violation of this subtitle; or

(3) Willfully use, or endeavor to use, the contents of any wire, oral, or
electronic communication, knowing or having reason to know that the information was
obtained through the interception of a wire, oral, or electronic communication in violation
of this subtitle.

(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a [felony]
MISDEMEANOR and is subject to imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not
more than $10,000, or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.