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BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 180  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Evidence – Interception of Oral Communications – Fair Housing Testing**” and substitute “**Task Force to Study Reforming the Maryland Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act**”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 3 down through “surveillance” in line 6 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study Reforming the Maryland Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Reforming the Maryland Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act”; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 16, inclusive; and in line 18, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 8 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Reforming the Maryland Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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(3) one member of the Judiciary, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland;

(4) the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Attorney General's designee;

(5) the president of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, or the president's designee;

(6) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;

(7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, or the Executive Director's designee;

(8) the Executive Director of the ACLU of Maryland, or the Executive Director's designee;

(9) the Executive Director of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, or the Executive Director's designee;

(10) the President of Turnaround, Inc., or the President's designee;

(11) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association for Justice, or the Executive Director's designee;

(12) the President of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association, or the President's designee; and

(13) the Executive Director of the Maryland Multi-Housing Association, Inc., or the Executive Director's designee.

(c) The Task Force shall choose a chair from among its membership.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) review the provisions and history of the Maryland Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act;

(2) compare the wiretapping and electronic surveillance laws of other states and the federal government with Maryland's law;

(3) consider relevant issues including the appropriate balance between interests of personal autonomy, privacy, and the admissibility of evidence to prove wrongdoing; and

(4) develop recommendations for legislative action.

(g) On or before December 31, 2026, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end

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of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.