

CHAPTER 92

(House Bill 93)

AN ACT to add new Section 555B to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Telephone Misuse," to follow immediately after Section 555A thereof, to prohibit monitoring, OR recording, ~~or listening to~~ OF telephone calls made to or from State departments or agencies, and providing penalties for violations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 555B be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Telephone Misuse," to follow immediately after Section 555A thereof, and to read as follows:

555B. (a) *It is unlawful for any State official or employee to monitor, OR record ~~or~~ in any manner, directly or indirectly, listen to any telephone conversation made either to or from any State department or agency, except with the prior approval of the Attorney General of Maryland. Where approval has been granted by the Attorney General, it is unlawful to monitor, OR record, ~~or~~ in any manner, directly or indirectly, ~~or listen to~~ a telephone conversation herein without the use of a recorder-connector equipment which contains a device automatically producing a distinctive recorder tone which is repeated at intervals of approximately fifteen seconds.*

(b) *Violation of the provisions of this section is subject, upon conviction, to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Conviction of a violation of this section shall also be grounds for the immediate dismissal from State employment.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.

Approved March 23, 1962.

CHAPTER 93

(House Bill 96)

AN ACT to add new Section 95A to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Agriculture", sub-heading "Soil Conservation Districts", to follow immediately after Section 95 thereof, authorizing Soil Conservation Districts to borrow money, and imposing certain conditions with respect thereto.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.