

107. *Any person violating any of the provisions of this sub-title shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or to imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or to both such fine and imprisonment.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That new Section 670A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the said Code (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", to follow immediately after Section 670 thereof, to be under the new sub-title "Wire-tapping", and to read as follows:

Wire-tapping

670A. *Any person or persons who shall willfully intercept or tap any telephonic or telegraphic communications in any manner other than pursuant to an order under the provisions of Sections 100 to 107, inclusive, of Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as added by this Act to the 1951 Edition), shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or to imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall apply to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or to any other federal investigating agency; and provided further that nothing in this section shall apply to an employee or authorized agent of a telephone or telegraph company, while engaged in the official and authorized course of his employment.*

SEC 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this sub-title shall be held unconstitutional or void for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this sub-title, it being the legislative intent that this Act shall be considered severable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1956.

Approved April 4, 1956.

CHAPTER 117

(Senate Bill 126)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 65(b) of Article 48 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Inspections", sub-title "State Tobacco Authority", providing for a representative of the buyers of Maryland tobacco on the Maryland Tobacco Authority and relating generally 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.