

nection with the serving or selling of food, refreshment or merchandise. It is further provided that this section shall not apply to bowling alleys or lanes [.] ; ~~wrestling matches or boxing matches.~~

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved May 5, 1970

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CHAPTER 614

(House Bill 879)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 555B(a) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Telephone Misuse," authorizing the recording of certain emergency use telephone lines without a recorder signal under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 555B(a) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Telephone Misuse," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

555B.

(a) It is unlawful for any State official or employee to monitor or record in any manner, directly or indirectly, 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 in any manner, directly or indirectly, 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 [.] ; *except, with the approval of the Attorney General, on those telephone lines used exclusively for INCOMING police, fire, and rescue calls it is not necessary to append a device automatically producing a distinctive recorder tone.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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