CHAPTER 743

(House Bill 758)

AN ACT concerning

Interception of Oral and Wire Communications

FOR the purpose of adding the crimes--of--attempt--and crime of solicitation to commit any of the offenses listed in this Act that permit the use of electronic interception of wire or oral communications in criminal investigations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 10-402(c)(2) and 10-406 Annotated Code of Maryland (1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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.

(c) (2) It is lawful under this subtitle for an investigative or law enforcement officer acting in a criminal investigation or any other person acting at the prior direction and under the supervision of an investigative or law enforcement officer to intercept a wire or oral communication in order to provide evidence of the commission of the offenses of murder, kidnapping, gambling, robbery, any felony punishable under the "Arson and Burning" subheading of Article 27, bribery, extortion, or dealing in controlled dangerous substances, including violations of Article 27, § 286B or § 287A, or any conspiracy—7—ATTEMPT7 OR SOLICITATION to commit any of these offenses, or where any person has created a barricade situation and probable cause exists for the investigative or law enforcement officer to believe a hostage or hostages may be involved, where the person is a party to the communication or one of the parties to the communication has given prior consent to the interception.