

Senate Bill 293, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 568.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 568

AN ACT concerning

Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance -
Use of Body Wires by Law Enforcement Personnel

FOR the purpose of permitting the use of body wires ~~and--the interception--of-wire-or~~ to intercept oral communications by law enforcement personnel under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain use of communications intercepted under this Act; and generally relating to the use of body wires for the interception of wire or oral communications by law enforcement personnel in the course of criminal investigations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10-402(c)
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) (1) (i) It is lawful under this subtitle for an operator of a switchboard, or an officer, employee, or agent of any communication common carrier, whose facilities are used in the transmission of a wire communication to intercept, disclose, or use that communication in the normal course of his employment while engaged in any activity which is a necessary incident to the rendition of his service or to the protection of the rights or property of the carrier of the communication. Provided, the communication common carriers may not utilize service observing or random monitoring except for mechanical or service quality control checks.

(ii) It is lawful under this subtitle for an officer, employee, or agent of any communication common carrier