

period--of--time--for--which--an--affidavit--may--be--sealed providing for the termination of this Act; requiring that the affidavit be delivered to a certain person within a certain period of time; and defining certain terms.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 551(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

551.

(D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "GOOD CAUSE" SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY EVIDENCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION TO WHICH THE AFFIDAVIT IS RELATED IS OF A-SERIOUS-AND AN ONGOING NATURE AND LIKELY TO YIELD FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE OF USE IN PROSECUTING ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES; AND

(II) THE FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INVESTIGATION WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE USE OF INFORMATION ALREADY OBTAINED IN THE INVESTIGATION, WOULD IMPAIR THE CONTINUATION OF THE INVESTIGATION, OR WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF A SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

(2) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION" MEANS INQUIRIES INTO ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, §§ 286, 286A, 286B, 286C, 287, AND 287A OF THE CODE CONDUCTED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A GRAND JURY, OR A STATE'S ATTORNEY UNDER ARTICLE 10, § 39A OF THE CODE.

(3) ~~(1)~~ NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THE MARYLAND RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OR CIRCUIT COURT, ON A FINDING OF GOOD CAUSE, MAY ORDER THAT AN AFFIDAVIT PRESENTED IN SUPPORT OF A SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT BE SEALED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS.

~~(11)--ON-A-FURTHER-FINDING-OF--GOOD--CAUSE,--THE COURT-MAY-GRANT-2-MORE-EXTENSIONS.~~

~~(111)--THE--PERIODS--OF-EXTENSION-MAY-NOT-EXCEED 90-DAYS-IN-THE-AGGREGATE.~~