

**Senate Bill No. 121**

AN ACT concerning

**State Police – Computer Crimes – Jurisdiction of the Department**

FOR the purpose of ~~providing an exemption to certain prohibitions that preclude the Department of State Police from acting within certain municipalities and other subdivisions under certain circumstances;~~ authorizing the Department of State Police to act within certain municipalities ~~and subdivisions~~ under circumstances involving certain computer related crimes; and generally relating to the jurisdictional authority of the Department of State Police.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
~~Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments~~  
~~Section 146~~  
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
~~(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ with amendments,  
Article 88B – Department of State Police  
Section 4  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1995 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments**

146.

(a) ~~In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

(1) (i) ~~“Computer” means an electronic, magnetic, optical, organic, or other data processing device or system that performs logical, arithmetic, memory, or storage functions.~~

(ii) ~~“Computer” includes any property, data storage facility, or communications facility that is directly related to or operated in conjunction with that device or system.~~

(iii) ~~“Computer” does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, or a portable calculator.~~

(2) ~~“Computer control language” means any ordered statements that direct a computer to perform specific functions.~~

(3) ~~“Computer data base” means a representation of information, knowledge, facts, concepts, or instructions that:~~