

No. 29

AN ACT

SB 729

Amending Title 18 of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes, relating to breach of privacy of telephone or telegraph communications.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5702 of Title 18, act of November 25, 1970 (No.230), known as the "Consolidated Pennsylvania Statutes," added December 6, 1972 (No.334), is amended to read:

§ 5702. Breach of privacy of telephone or telegraph communications.

(a) *Offense defined.*— A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree if he:

(1) intercepts without permission of the parties to the communication a message or other communication by telephone or telegraph;

(2) installs or employs any device for overhearing or recording communications passing through a telephone or telegraph line with intent to intercept a communication in violation of this chapter; or

(3) divulges or uses without the consent of the sender or receiver the existence or contents of any such message or other communication if the actor knows that the message was illegally intercepted, or if he learned of the message in the course of employment with an agency engaged in transmitting it.

(b) *Exception.*—*Paragraph (a) of this section shall not extend to acts done by personnel of any telephone or telegraph common carrier in the performance of their duties in connection with the construction, maintenance or operation of a telephone or telegraph system.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect June 6, 1973.

APPROVED—The 27th day of June, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 29.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.