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Overview

This bill restricts the ownership, possession, and use of electronic device surveillance equipment by law enforcement agencies.

Section

1 Electronic device surveillance equipment.

Subd. 1. Possession. Establishes the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) as the sole governmental entity that is authorized to own a piece of electronic device surveillance equipment.

Subd. 2. Temporary use. Authorizes the Superintendent of the BCA to loan a piece of electronic device surveillance equipment to a law enforcement agency for investigatory purposes. The law enforcement agency must submit an application to the BCA that contains a detailed explanation of the designated investigation and include copies of required search warrants.

Subd. 3. Surrender. Requires an agency, other than the BCA, that possesses a piece of electronic device surveillance equipment on the effective date of this law to surrender the equipment to the BCA.

Subd. 4. Definitions. Defines the following terms: “electronic communication service,” “electronic device,” “electronic device surveillance equipment,” “location information,” “location information service,” and “remote computing service.”