

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7636 OFFERED BY MR. ARMSTRONG OF NORTH DAKOTA

Add at the end of the bill the following:

| 1 | SEC. 4. AUDIO RECORDING OF INTERVIEWS OF DETAINED |
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| 2 | INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN FED- |
| 3 | ERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. |
| 4 | (a) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal law enforcement |
| 5 | agency described in subsection (b) shall record, using an |
| 6 | electronic audio recording technology, and may record, |
| 7 | using a video recording technology, each interview of a de- |
| 8 | tained individual conducted by an officer or employee of |
| 9 | that agency in connection with an investigation of a Fed- |
| 10 | eral offense or an investigation with respect to which the |
| 11 | agency is assisting a State, local or tribal law enforcement |
| 12 | agency. |
| 13 | (b) FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DE- |
| 14 | SCRIBED.—A Federal law enforcement agency described |
| 15 | in this section is each of the following: |
| 16 | (1) The Federal Bureau of Investigation. |
| 17 | (2) The Drug Enforcement Administration. |
| 18 | (3) The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, |
| 19 | and Explosives. |

| 1 | (4) The United States Marshals Service. |
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| 2 | (c) APPLICATION.— |
| 3 | (1) In general.—The requirements under this |
| 4 | section apply with respect to interviews of detained |
| 5 | individuals, but do not apply with respect to commu- |
| 6 | nications with confidential informants or to any |
| 7 | interview the officer reasonably believes is related to |
| 8 | counterintelligence. |
| 9 | (2) Extraterritorial application.—In the |
| 10 | case of an interview conducted by an officer or em- |
| 11 | ployee of a Federal law enforcement agency de- |
| 12 | scribed in subsection (b) of a United States person |
| 13 | outside of the United States, the requirements under |
| 14 | this section apply. |
| 15 | (3) Definition.—For purposes of this section, |
| 16 | the term "United States person" means— |
| 17 | (A) a United States citizen or alien admit- |
| 18 | ted for permanent residence in the United |
| 19 | States; or |
| 20 | (B) any person who is being interviewed in |
| 21 | connection with an investigation of any corpora- |
| 22 | tion, partnership, or other organization orga- |
| 23 | nized under the laws of the United States. |
| 24 | (d) Inadmissibility.— |

| 1 | (1) In general.—Except as provided in para- |
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| 2 | graph (2), a statement or information obtained dur- |
| 3 | ing an interview, with respect to which the officer |
| 4 | conducting the interview did not comply with this |
| 5 | section, may not be offered as evidence by the Gov- |
| 6 | ernment in Federal court in a criminal proceeding. |
| 7 | (2) Exception.—A statement or information |
| 8 | described in paragraph (1) may be offered as evi- |
| 9 | dence by the Government in Federal court in the |
| 10 | case that the Government shows exigent cir- |
| 11 | cumstances existed that made recording infeasible, |
| 12 | and with respect to which the Federal law enforce- |
| 13 | ment officer who failed to so record made a contem- |
| 14 | poraneous record explaining the infeasibility of re- |
| 15 | cording. |
| 16 | (3) Jury instruction.—In the case that a |
| 17 | statement or information described in paragraph (1) |
| 18 | is admitted in accordance with the exception de- |
| 19 | scribed in paragraph (2), the court shall instruct the |
| 20 | jury that the statement or information was required |
| 21 | to be recorded, but was not recorded because of the |
| 22 | exigent circumstances described in paragraph (2). |
| 23 | (e) RETENTION.— |
| 24 | (1) In general.—Except as provided in para- |
| 25 | graph (2), a recording of an interview described in |

| 1 | this section shall be clearly identified, catalogued, |
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| 2 | and retained for a period of 10 years beginning on |
| 3 | the date on which the applicable investigation or any |
| 4 | related judicial procedures is finally concluded, |
| 5 | whichever is later. |
| 6 | (2) Exception.—A recording of an interview |
| 7 | described in this section shall be clearly identified, |
| 8 | catalogued, and retained indefinitely if the content |
| 9 | of the recording is related to a judicial proceeding |
| 10 | that involves a Federal capital offense or a State |
| 11 | capital offense with respect to which the Federal law |
| 12 | enforcement officer was assisting the law enforce- |
| 13 | ment agency of the jurisdiction. |
| 14 | (f) RULES.—The Attorney General shall make rules |
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15 to carry out this section.