

surveillance was authorized by and conducted pursuant to a search warrant or court order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

**(c) Penalties**

An offense described in this section is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

**(d) Federal jurisdiction**

There is Federal jurisdiction over an offense under this section if the person committing the offense was an officer or employee of the United States at the time the offense was committed.

(Pub. L. 95-511, title I, §109, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1796; Pub. L. 110-261, title I, §102(b), July 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 2459; Pub. L. 111-259, title VIII, §801(3), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2746.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 95-511, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1783, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1801 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-259, §801(3)(A), substituted “section 1812 of this title;” for “section 1812 of this title;”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-259, §801(3)(B), substituted “title.” for “title..”

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-261 substituted “authorized by this chapter, chapter 119, 121, or 206 of title 18, or any express statutory authorization that is an additional exclusive means for conducting electronic surveillance under section 1812 of this title.” for “authorized by statute” in pars. (1) and (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-261 effective July 10, 2008, except as provided in section 404 of Pub. L. 110-261, set out as a Transition Procedures note under section 1801 of this title, see section 402 of Pub. L. 110-261, set out as an Effective Date of 2008 Amendment note under section 1801 of this title.

**§ 1810. Civil liability**

An aggrieved person, other than a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power, as defined in section 1801(a) or (b)(1)(A) of this title, respectively, who has been subjected to an electronic surveillance or about whom information obtained by electronic surveillance of such person has been disclosed or used in violation of section 1809 of this title shall have a cause of action against any person who committed such violation and shall be entitled to recover—

- (a) actual damages, but not less than liquidated damages of \$1,000 or \$100 per day for each day of violation, whichever is greater;
- (b) punitive damages; and
- (c) reasonable attorney’s fees and other investigation and litigation costs reasonably incurred.

(Pub. L. 95-511, title I, §110, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1796.)

**§ 1811. Authorization during time of war**

Notwithstanding any other law, the President, through the Attorney General, may authorize electronic surveillance without a court order

under this subchapter to acquire foreign intelligence information for a period not to exceed fifteen calendar days following a declaration of war by the Congress.

(Pub. L. 95-511, title I, §111, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1796.)

**§ 1812. Statement of exclusive means by which electronic surveillance and interception of certain communications may be conducted**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the procedures of chapters 119, 121, and 206 of title 18 and this chapter shall be the exclusive means by which electronic surveillance and the interception of domestic wire, oral, or electronic communications may be conducted.

(b) Only an express statutory authorization for electronic surveillance or the interception of domestic wire, oral, or electronic communications, other than as an amendment to this chapter or chapters 119, 121, or 206 of title 18 shall constitute an additional exclusive means for the purpose of subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 95-511, title I, §112, as added Pub. L. 110-261, title I, §102(a), July 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 2459.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 95-511, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1783, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1801 of this title and Tables.

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**§ 1813. Procedures for the retention of incidentally acquired communications**

**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Covered communication**

The term “covered communication” means any nonpublic telephone or electronic communication acquired without the consent of a person who is a party to the communication, including communications in electronic storage.

**(2) Head of an element of the intelligence community**

The term “head of an element of the intelligence community” means, as appropriate—

- (A) the head of an element of the intelligence community; or
- (B) the head of the department or agency containing such element.

**(3) United States person**

The term “United States person” has the meaning given that term in section 1801 of this title.

**(b) Procedures for covered communications**

**(1) Requirement to adopt**

Not later than 2 years after December 19, 2014, each head of an element of the intel-