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§4–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Applicant” means a person or governmental unit that asks to inspect a public record.
- (c) “Custodian” means:
  - (1) the official custodian; or
  - (2) any other authorized individual who has physical custody and control of a public record.
- (d) “Official custodian” means an officer or employee of the State or of a political subdivision who is responsible for keeping a public record, whether or not the officer or employee has physical custody and control of the public record.
- (e) “Person in interest” means:
  - (1) a person or governmental unit that is the subject of a public record or a designee of the person or governmental unit;
  - (2) if the person has a legal disability, the parent or legal representative of the person; or
  - (3) as to requests for correction of certificates of death under § 5–310(d)(2) of the Health – General Article, the spouse, adult child, parent, adult sibling, grandparent, or guardian of the person of the deceased at the time of the deceased’s death.
- (f) (1) “Personal information” means information that identifies an individual.
  - (2) Except as provided in § 4–355 of this title, “personal information” includes an individual’s:
    - (i) name;
    - (ii) address;
    - (iii) driver’s license number or any other identification number;
    - (iv) medical or disability information;
    - (v) photograph or computer-generated image;

(vi) Social Security number; and

(vii) telephone number.

(3) “Personal information” does not include an individual’s:

(i) driver’s status;

(ii) driving offenses;

(iii) five–digit zip code; or

(iv) information on vehicular accidents.

(g) “Political subdivision” means:

(1) a county;

(2) a municipal corporation;

(3) an unincorporated town;

(4) a school district; or

(5) a special district.

(h) (1) “Public record” means the original or any copy of any documentary material that:

(i) is made by a unit or an instrumentality of the State or of a political subdivision or received by the unit or instrumentality in connection with the transaction of public business; and

(ii) is in any form, including:

1. a card;

2. a computerized record;

3. correspondence;

4. a drawing;

5. film or microfilm;

6. a form;

7. a map;

8. a photograph or photostat;

9. a recording; or

10. a tape.

(2) “Public record” includes a document that lists the salary of an employee of a unit or an instrumentality of the State or of a political subdivision.

(3) “Public record” does not include a digital photographic image or signature of an individual, or the actual stored data of the image or signature, recorded by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

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