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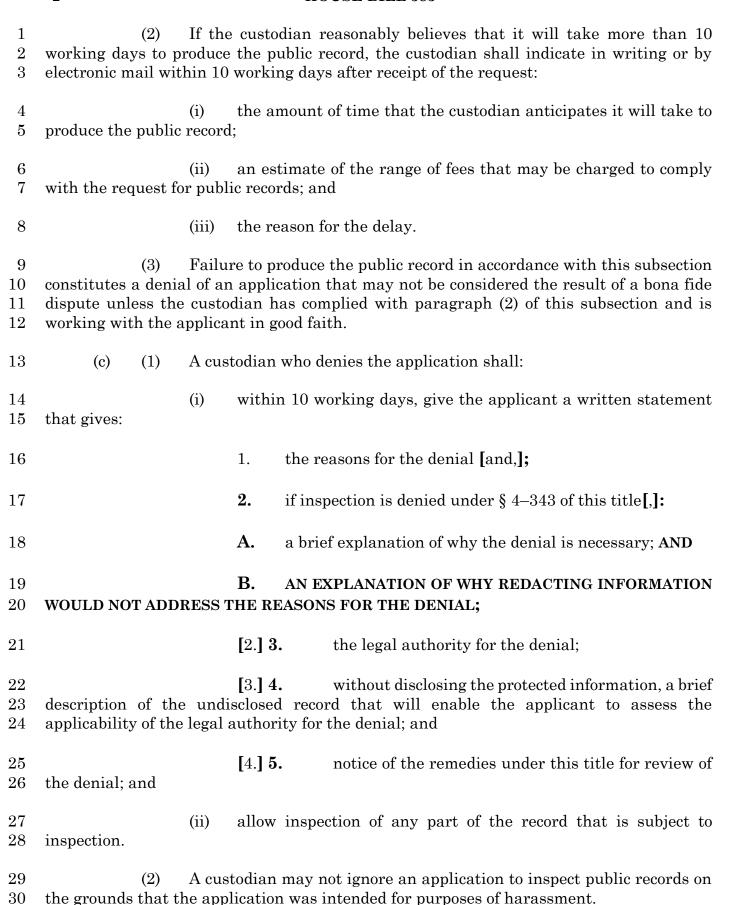
A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Public Information Act – Denials of Inspection – Explanation Regarding Redaction
4	FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, a custodian of a public record
5	to include in a certain written statement an explanation of why redacting
6 7	information would not address the reasons for denying inspection of a public record; and generally relating to the denials of inspection of public records.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9	Article – General Provisions
10	Section 4–203
11	Annotated Code of Maryland
12	(2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
15	Article – General Provisions
16	4-203.
17	(a) The custodian shall grant or deny the application promptly, but not more than
18	30 days after receiving the application.
19	(b) (1) A custodian who approves the application shall produce the public
20	record immediately or within a reasonable period that is needed to retrieve the public

record, but not more than 30 days after receipt of the application.

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- 1 (d) Any time limit imposed under this section:
- 2 $\,$ $\,$ (1) $\,$ with the consent of the applicant, may be extended for not more than $3\,$ 30 days; and
- 4 (2) if the applicant seeks resolution of a dispute under § 4–1B–04 of this 5 title, shall be extended pending resolution of that dispute.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 7 October 1, 2017.