

# HOUSE BILL 620

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Toll-Free Calling to Units – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that each unit of State government install  
4 and maintain a means of toll-free telephone communication for the purpose of  
5 conducting official State business; making conforming changes; and generally  
6 relating to toll-free calling to units of State government.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – State Government  
9 Section 10–1201 through 10–1203  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – State Government**

15 10–1201.

16 Each unit of State government shall install and maintain a telephone system that  
17 allows a person from anywhere in the State to communicate with employees of the unit by  
18 [toll-free] telephone call during the regular business hours of the unit for the purpose of  
19 conducting official State business.

20 10–1202.

21 Each unit of State government shall print [its toll-free] **THE** telephone numbers  
22 **PROVIDED FOR UNDER § 10–1201 OF THIS SUBTITLE** on the unit's official documents,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 including stationery, fax cover sheets, business cards, and other publications that are  
2 distributed to the public.

3 10-1203.

4 Each unit shall include [each of its toll-free] **THE** telephone numbers **PROVIDED**  
5 **FOR UNDER § 10-1201 OF THIS SUBTITLE** in any directory that lists information about  
6 the unit.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2017.