

# SENATE BILL 335

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(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Sydnor**

Requested: October 16, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Nongovernmental Corporate Parties – Disclosure Statements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a nongovernmental corporate party to file, at a first  
4 appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the  
5 court, a certain disclosure statement; specifying the contents of the disclosure  
6 statement; requiring a nongovernmental corporate party to file a supplemental  
7 statement if any required information changes; requiring this Act to be interpreted  
8 in a manner that is consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and  
9 generally relating to required disclosure statements by nongovernmental corporate  
10 parties.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
13 Section 6–412  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 **6–412.**

20 **(A) THIS SECTION SHALL BE INTERPRETED IN A MANNER THAT IS**  
21 **CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.**

22 **(B) A NONGOVERNMENTAL CORPORATE PARTY SHALL, WITH ITS FIRST**  
23 **APPEARANCE, PLEADING, PETITION, MOTION, RESPONSE, OR OTHER REQUEST**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ADDRESSED TO THE COURT, FILE TWO COPIES OF A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT THAT:

2 (1) IDENTIFIES ANY PARENT CORPORATION AND ANY PUBLICLY HELD  
3 CORPORATION OWNING 10% OR MORE OF ITS STOCK;

4 (2) IDENTIFIES ANY MEMBER OR OWNER IN A JOINT VENTURE OR  
5 LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION;

6 (3) IDENTIFIES ALL PARTNERS IN A PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED  
7 LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP;

8 (4) IDENTIFIES ANY CORPORATE MEMBER, IF THE PARTY IS ANY  
9 OTHER UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION; OR

10 (5) STATES THAT THERE IS NO SUCH CORPORATION.

11 (C) IF ANY INFORMATION FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF  
12 THIS SECTION CHANGES, THE NONGOVERNMENTAL CORPORATE PARTY SHALL FILE  
13 A SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2021.