

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 317

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after "Management;" insert "requiring each principal department or independent agency in the Executive Branch of State government to install and maintain a toll free telephone system to allow a person from anywhere in the State to communicate with the department or agency on official business during the department's or agency's regular business hours; requiring each department or agency to include its toll free telephone numbers in any directory that lists information about the department or agency; requiring each department or agency to publicize its toll free telephone numbers on its official stationery and certain other of its publications; providing a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act:".

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

"BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-705

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, after line 27, insert:

"3-705.

(A) EACH PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR INDEPENDENT AGENCY IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A TELEPHONE SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS A PERSON FROM ANYWHERE IN THE STATE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY BY TOLL FREE TELEPHONE

(Over)

DURING THE DEPARTMENT'S OR AGENCY'S REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

(B) (1) EACH PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR INDEPENDENT AGENCY IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL PRINT EACH OF ITS TOLL FREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S OR AGENCY'S OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING STATIONERY, FAX COVER SHEETS, BUSINESS CARDS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS, THAT ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC.

(2) EACH DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY SHALL INCLUDE EACH OF ITS TOLL FREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN ANY DIRECTORY THAT LISTS INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 15, after line 2, insert:

“SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 3-705 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, as enacted under Section 3 of this Act, may not be construed to require that a unit of State government dispose of or otherwise destroy or discard any official stationery or other publications that do not comply with the requirements of § 3-705 of the State Finance and Procurement Article on the effective date of this Act. The unit may continue to utilize any stationery or other official publications in its possession on the effective date of this Act that do not comply with the requirements of § 3-705 of the State Finance and Procurement Article until its supply of such stationery and publications is exhausted.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 3-705 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, as enacted under Section 3 of this Act, shall take effect January 1, 1997.”;

in line 3, strike “16.” and substitute “18.”; and in line 3, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 17 of this Act.”.