
By: Delegate Poole

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 1997

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Information - Fees for Copies**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the fees that may be imposed by a unit of State or local
4 government for reproducing a public record under certain circumstances;
5 superseding, under certain circumstances, provisions of law that set a specific fee
6 for a copy of a public record; and generally relating to fees for copies of public
7 records.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Business Regulation
10 Section 8-209
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Corporations and Associations
15 Section 1-203(6)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article - Estates and Trusts
20 Section 2-206(a)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article - Estates and Trusts
25 Section 2-206(k)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
29 Article - Financial Institutions

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1 Section 2-108
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
5 Article - State Government
6 Section 7-106 and 10-621
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

11 **Article - Business Regulation**

12 8-209.

13 (a) The Commission shall keep available for public inspection during office hours
14 a record of:

- 15 (1) all licenses issued under this title;
- 16 (2) all expirations, revocations, and suspensions of those licenses; and
- 17 (3) all contractors represented by each salesperson who holds a license
18 under this title.

19 (b) The Commission shall collect a fee of [\$1] 25 CENTS per page for each copy
20 of a document in the Commission office.

21 **Article - Corporations and Associations**

22 1-203.

23 In addition to any organization and capitalization fee required under § 1-204 of this
24 article, the Department shall collect the following fees:

25 (6) For a duplicate of a certificate mentioned in subsection (5) of this
26 section which is issued at the same time as the original, the fee is \$1, and for a copy of any
27 other paper recorded or filed with the Department, the fee is [\$1] 25 CENTS per page.

28 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

29 2-206.

30 (a) The registers of wills are entitled to charge and collect for the performance of
31 their duties the fees in this section.

32 (k) For photostatic or other artificially reproduced copies of a paper or record,
33 per page or part of a page.....[\$.50] \$.25

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1 (2) after consideration of the ability of the applicant to pay the fee and
2 other relevant factors, the official custodian determines that the waiver would be in the
3 public interest.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1997.