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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agency Forms - Public Access Through the Internet**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a department or unit of the State government that has a
4 home page on the Internet to provide certain access to certain forms and to permit
5 the downloading without charge of certain forms by certain users; requiring, on and
6 after a certain date, each department and independent unit of the State government
7 to have a home page on the Internet that provides certain access to certain forms
8 and permits the downloading without charge of certain forms by certain users; and
9 generally relating to public access to agency forms through the Internet.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - State Government
12 Section 10-604(a), (b), (d), and (e)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article - State Government
17 Section 10-609
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - State Government**

23 10-604.

24 (a) In this Part II of this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (b) "Department" means a principal department of the Executive Branch of the
26 State government.

27 (d) "Form" means a document that has a standard format for the systematic and
28 repetitive collection, maintenance, or transmission of information.

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1 (e) "Independent unit" means a unit of the State government that is not in a
2 department.

3 10-609.

4 (A) A DEPARTMENT OR INDEPENDENT UNIT THAT HAS A HOME PAGE ON THE
5 INTERNET SHALL:

6 (1) PROVIDE ACCESS THROUGH THE HOME PAGE TO THE FORMS OF
7 THE DEPARTMENT OR THE INDEPENDENT UNIT WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR PUBLIC
8 USE; AND

9 (2) PERMIT THE DOWNLOADING WITHOUT CHARGE OF ITS FORMS
10 WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY A PERSON WHO ACCESSES THE HOME
11 PAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR INDEPENDENT UNIT.

12 (B) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 1998, EACH DEPARTMENT AND INDEPENDENT
13 UNIT SHALL HAVE A HOME PAGE ON THE INTERNET THAT:

14 (1) PROVIDES ACCESS THROUGH THE HOME PAGE TO THE FORMS OF
15 THE DEPARTMENT OR THE INDEPENDENT UNIT WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR PUBLIC
16 USE; AND

17 (2) PERMITS THE DOWNLOADING WITHOUT CHARGE OF ITS FORMS
18 WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY A PERSON WHO ACCESSES THE HOME
19 PAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR INDEPENDENT UNIT.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 1997.