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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Access to Public Records - Denial of Inspection - Information Relating to Correctional**
3 **Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring custodians of public records to deny inspection of certain
5   parts of public records relating to certain correctional officers; making certain
6   exceptions; and generally relating to the denial of inspection of a part of a public
7   record that contains information relating to a correctional officer.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9   Article - State Government
10   Section 10-617(a)
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14   Article - State Government
15   Section 10-617(k)
16   Annotated Code of Maryland
17   (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

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1   **Article - State Government**

2 10-617.

3   (a) Unless otherwise provided by law, a custodian shall deny inspection of a part
4 of a public record, as provided in this section.

5   (K) SUBJECT TO § 21-504 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE,
6 A CUSTODIAN SHALL DENY INSPECTION OF THE PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD THAT
7 CONTAINS ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WHO IS
8 EMPLOYED BY A UNIT OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OR OF A POLITICAL
9 SUBDIVISION UNLESS:

10   (1) THE EMPLOYEE GIVES PERMISSION FOR THE INSPECTION; OR

11   (2) THE UNIT OR INSTRUMENTALITY THAT EMPLOYS THE INDIVIDUAL
12 DETERMINES THAT INSPECTION IS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

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