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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Arrest Warrants - Public Information**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the release of certain information pertaining to arrest
4 warrants; prohibiting certain persons from obtaining certain information; and
5 generally relating to arrest warrants.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - State Government
8 Section 10-616(h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - State Government**

14 10-616.

15 (h) (1) This subsection applies only to public records that relate to:

16 (i) police reports of traffic accidents;

17 (ii) criminal charging documents prior to service on the defendant
18 named in the document; [and]

19 (iii) traffic citations filed in the Maryland Automated Traffic
20 System[.]; AND

21 (IV) WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF A DEFENDANT PRIOR
22 TO THE ARREST OF THE DEFENDANT AND FILING OF THE RETURN OF SERVICE.

23 (2) A custodian shall deny inspection of a record described in paragraph
24 (1) of this subsection to any of the following persons who request inspection of records
25 for the purpose of soliciting or marketing legal services:

1 (i) an attorney who is not an attorney of record of a person named
2 in the record; [or]

3 (ii) a person who is employed by, retained by, associated with, or
4 acting on behalf of an attorney described in this paragraph[.]; OR

5 (III) A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SOLICITING OR
6 MARKETING LEGAL SERVICES.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1998.