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By: **Senator Hogan**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Division of State Documents - Public On-Line Access**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of State Documents to provide the public  
4 with certain on-line access to certain materials.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - State Government  
7 Section 7-206.2  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - State Government**

13 7-206.2.

14 (a) The Division may arrange for data bases derived from publications issued  
15 by the Division to be made available to the public for direct on-line searching by  
16 contracting with third-party or value-added resellers.

17 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the State  
18 Data Center shall charge for on-line access to the Maryland Information Retrieval  
19 System.

20 (c) This section may not be construed to require a State data center to provide  
21 a member of the public with direct on-line access or any other type of access to the  
22 computers or data bases of the State Data Center.

23 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE DIVISION SHALL  
24 MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AT NO COST, DIRECT ON-LINE SEARCHING OF:

25 (1) THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS;

26 (2) THE MARYLAND REGISTER; AND

1 (3) ANY OTHER MATERIAL THE DIVISION DETERMINES TO BE IN THE  
2 PUBLIC INTEREST.

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