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By: **Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**(Departmental - Secretary of State)**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Secretary of State - Trademarks and Service Marks - Disclosure of**  
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of State, on request, to provide lists of  
5 public trademark and service mark information for a purpose approved by the  
6 Secretary of State; prohibiting the Secretary of State from providing a list for a  
7 certain purpose; requiring the Secretary of State to charge a reasonable fee for  
8 lists provided under this Act, subject to certain requirements; prohibiting a  
9 person from using a list provided under this Act for a purpose other than the  
10 purpose for which it was provided; and generally relating to the disclosure of  
11 information concerning trademarks and service marks.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Business Regulation  
14 Section 1-416  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article - Business Regulation**

20 1-416.

21 (A) (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY PROVIDE LISTS OF PUBLIC  
22 INFORMATION IN THE RECORDS MAINTAINED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO THOSE  
23 PERSONS WHO REQUEST THEM, BUT ONLY IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APPROVES  
24 OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE LIST IS REQUESTED.

25 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY NOT PROVIDE A LIST UNDER THIS  
26 SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF TELEPHONE SOLICITATION.

1 (B) (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE, NOT  
2 LESS THAN THE COST OF PROVIDING THE LIST AND NOT LESS THAN 5 CENTS PER  
3 MARK, FOR ANY LIST FURNISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

4 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY CHARGE A REDUCED FEE TO  
5 PERSONS REQUESTING A LIST FOR A GOVERNMENTAL OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
6 PURPOSE.

7 (C) A PERSON FURNISHED A LIST UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT DISTRIBUTE  
8 OR OTHERWISE USE THE LIST FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH IT  
9 WAS FURNISHED.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
11 effect October 1, 1999.