

SENATE BILL 151

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By: **Senator Dyson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging - Senior Citizen Activities Centers - Access to Internet**
3 **and Other Technology**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring senior citizen activities centers to provide access to the
5 Internet and certain other technology; defining certain terms; and generally
6 relating to services for the elderly.

7 BY adding to
8 Article 70B - Department of Aging
9 Section 33
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article 70B - Department of Aging**

15 33.

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
17 INDICATED.

18 (2) "ELECTRONIC MAIL" HAS THE SAME MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE
19 27, § 555C OF THE CODE.

20 (3) "TECHNOLOGY" MEANS THE HARDWARE, SOFTWARE,
21 COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ASSOCIATED TRAINING AND
22 CONTRACTED SERVICES THAT ENABLE LOCAL OR GLOBAL PRESENTATION,
23 EXCHANGE, AND TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION IN DIGITAL OR ANALOG FORM
24 FOR TEACHING, LEARNING, SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES, AND ADMINISTRATION.

25 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE ELDERLY FROM THE
26 DEPARTMENT OF AGING, AS SET FORTH IN § 4 OF THIS ARTICLE, SENIOR CITIZEN
27 ACTIVITIES CENTERS SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 (1) ACCESS ELECTRONICALLY TO THE INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC
2 MAIL;
- 3 (2) ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AND TO COMPUTERS;
- 4 (3) ACCESS TO A TOLL-FREE HELP LINE THAT ANSWERS QUESTIONS
5 ABOUT THE INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL; AND
- 6 (4) COMPUTER TRAINING FOR THE ELDERLY AND FOR THE STAFF AT
7 SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS.

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