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By: **Senator Teitelbaum (Chairman, Joint Technology Oversight  
Committee) and Senators Astle, Currie, DeGrange, Exum, and Hogan**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act - Implied**  
3 **Warranty Exemption**

4 FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from a certain implied warranty for a  
5 computer program provided under a license that does not impose a license fee  
6 for certain rights; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the  
7 Maryland Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act and the  
8 applicability of a certain implied warranty.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Commercial Law  
11 Section 22-406(k)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Commercial Law  
16 Section 22-406(l)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Commercial Law**

22 22-406.

23 (k) The provisions of §§ 22-403 and 22-405 of this subtitle do not apply to:

24 (1) [An information/computer] COMPUTER INFORMATION OR A  
25 COMPUTER program provided for no fee, unless the [information/computer]  
26 COMPUTER INFORMATION OR COMPUTER program is provided in conjunction with

1 the sale or lease of goods, services, [or another information/program] OTHER  
2 COMPUTER INFORMATION, OR ANOTHER COMPUTER PROGRAM; or

3 (2) [An information/computer] COMPUTER INFORMATION OR A  
4 COMPUTER program provided as a beta test or similar experimental version of the  
5 [information/computer] COMPUTER INFORMATION OR COMPUTER program.

6 (L) THE PROVISIONS OF § 22-403 OF THIS SUBTITLE DO NOT APPLY TO A  
7 COMPUTER PROGRAM PROVIDED UNDER A LICENSE THAT DOES NOT IMPOSE A  
8 LICENSE FEE FOR THE RIGHT TO THE SOURCE CODE, TO MAKE COPIES, TO MODIFY,  
9 AND TO DISTRIBUTE THE COMPUTER PROGRAM.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 June 1, 2001.