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By: **Delegates Arnick and Wood**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Port Administration - Public Records - Confidentiality of**  
3 **Commercial Contracts and Proprietary Information**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a custodian of a public record to deny inspection of  
5 part of a public record that contains certain information relating to commercial  
6 contracts and proprietary information of the Maryland Port Administration or  
7 any private operating company created by it; and generally relating to the  
8 inspection of the public records of the Maryland Port Administration or any  
9 private operating company created by it.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - State Government  
12 Section 10-618(j)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - State Government**

18 10-618.

19 (J) A CUSTODIAN MAY DENY INSPECTION OF THAT PART OF A PUBLIC  
20 RECORD THAT CONTAINS:

21 (1) RATES OR PROPOSED RATES GENERATED, RECEIVED, OR  
22 NEGOTIATED BY THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION OR ANY PRIVATE  
23 OPERATING COMPANY CREATED BY IT, INCLUDING RATES IN STEVEDORING AND  
24 TERMINAL SERVICES CONTRACTS;

25 (2) A PROPOSAL GENERATED, RECEIVED, OR NEGOTIATED BY THE  
26 MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION OR ANY PRIVATE OPERATING COMPANY  
27 CREATED BY IT FOR A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION TO LOCATE,  
28 EXPAND, OR REMAIN IN THE STATE; OR

1                   (3)       RESEARCH OR DATA COMPILED FOR THE MARYLAND PORT  
2 ADMINISTRATION OR ANY PRIVATE OPERATING COMPANY CREATED BY IT TO ASSESS  
3 ITS COMPETITIVE POSITION WITH RESPECT TO OTHER PORTS.

4       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
5 effect June 1, 2002.