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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Open Meetings Act - Standing to File a Petition Alleging Violation of the Act**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing any person to file with a circuit court that has venue
4 a certain petition if a public body fails to comply with certain provisions of the
5 Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to an alleged violation of the Open
6 Meetings Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 10-510(b)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - State Government**

15 10-510.

16 (b) (1) If a public body fails to comply with § 10-505, § 10-506, § 10-507, §
17 10-508, or § 10-509(c) of this subtitle [and a person is affected adversely, the] ANY
18 person may file with a circuit court that has venue a petition that asks the court to:

- 1 (i) determine the applicability of those sections;
- 2 (ii) require the public body to comply with those sections; or
- 3 (iii) void the action of the public body.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2004.