

# HOUSE BILL 1090

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Court Records – Divorce – Limiting Access**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting access to files and records of the court pertaining to  
4 the filing of a complaint for divorce until after the complaint has been served  
5 and a certain return service has been filed; and generally relating to access to  
6 divorce records.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – State Government  
9 Section 10–616(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – State Government  
14 Section 10–616(v)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – State Government**

20 10–616.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (a) Unless otherwise provided by law, a custodian shall deny inspection of a  
2 public record, as provided in this section.

3           **(V) FILES AND RECORDS OF THE COURT PERTAINING TO THE FILING OF**  
4 **A COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE MAY NOT BE OPEN TO INSPECTION UNTIL THE**  
5 **COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE HAS BEEN SERVED AND A RETURN SERVICE HAS**  
6 **BEEN FILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH MARYLAND RULE 2-126.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2007.