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By: **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Submission of Publications to the General Assembly**
3 **– Procedures**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain procedures to be followed by an official or unit of
5 the State government intending to submit or distribute certain publications to
6 the General Assembly or to a committee, staff agency, or employee of the
7 General Assembly; requiring an official or unit to submit one copy of certain
8 publications to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
9 Delegates in a certain format under certain circumstances; requiring an official
10 or unit intending to distribute a publication to a standing committee of the
11 General Assembly to obtain the approval of the chair of the committee, except
12 under certain circumstances, and to comply with certain procedures; requiring
13 an official or unit to provide certain copies of a publication to the library of the
14 Department of Legislative Services as requested by the library on behalf of a
15 member of the General Assembly; requiring certain publications submitted in
16 fulfillment of a duty imposed by law to contain certain information; requiring
17 the library of the Department to collect, catalogue, and preserve certain
18 publications; defining a certain term; making certain technical and clarifying
19 changes; and generally relating to the procedures for the submission and
20 distribution of publications to the General Assembly.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Government
3 Section 2–1246
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – State Government**

9 2–1246.

10 (a) **IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLICATION” INCLUDES ANY REPORT, STUDY,**
11 **OR NOTIFICATION.**

12 (B) [Each official or unit of the State government shall submit to the
13 Department a list of the reports and other publications] **FOR EACH PUBLICATION**
14 that [the] **AN** official or unit [issues and] **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT** intends to
15 distribute or submit to the General Assembly or to any committee, staff agency, or
16 employee of the General Assembly, **THE OFFICIAL OR UNIT SHALL:**

17 (1) **SUBMIT ONE COPY TO THE PRESIDENT AND ONE COPY TO THE**
18 **SPEAKER IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER;**

19 (2) **SUBMIT FIVE PRINTED COPIES TO THE LIBRARY OF THE**
20 **DEPARTMENT; AND**

21 (3) **IN THE CASE OF A PUBLICATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO A**
22 **COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

23 (I) **UNLESS THE PUBLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE**
24 **COMMITTEE AS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY LAW, OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR THE**
25 **DISTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR; AND**

26 (II) **COMPLY WITH THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS OF**
27 **THE COMMITTEE.**

28 [(b)] (C) An official or unit:

1 (1) shall submit to the **LIBRARY OF THE** Department [5 copies of each
2 report that the official or unit intends to distribute or submit to the General Assembly
3 or to any committee, staff agency, or employee of the General Assembly], **IN**
4 **ADDITION TO THE COPIES OF A PUBLICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION**
5 **(B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, ANY ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PUBLICATION**
6 **REQUESTED BY THE LIBRARY ON BEHALF OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL**
7 **ASSEMBLY; and**

8 (2) may give [the report] **A PUBLICATION DIRECTLY** to a member of
9 the General Assembly only if:

10 (i) the President and the Speaker have given written approval
11 for distribution of the [report] **PUBLICATION** to each member of the General
12 Assembly; or

13 (ii) the member asks for the [report] **PUBLICATION**.

14 **(D) TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER**
15 **SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, EACH PUBLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE**
16 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO ANY COMMITTEE, STAFF AGENCY, OR EMPLOYEE OF**
17 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN FULFILLMENT OF A DUTY IMPOSED BY LAW SHALL**
18 **SPECIFY THE LAW UNDER WHICH THE PUBLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED.**

19 **[(c)] (E)** The Department shall:

20 (1) keep a list of the publications of the officials and units;

21 (2) periodically send the list to each member of the General Assembly;

22 and

23 (3) on request of a member of the General Assembly, obtain a
24 publication of an official or unit for the member.

25 **[(d) (1)] (F)** The **LIBRARY OF THE** Department shall **[index]:**

26 **(1) CATALOG** and preserve the publications that officials and units
27 submit as required by law[.]; **AND**

28 (2) **[The Department may]** collect, **[index] CATALOG**, and preserve
29 any other publication that the Department considers necessary **OR THAT THE**

1 **DEPARTMENT IS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE SPEAKER TO COLLECT,**
2 **CATALOG, AND PRESERVE.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.