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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Budget and Management)**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Personal Records – Collection of Personal Information**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain requirement that the Secretary of Budget and
4 Management report annually to the General Assembly on certain personal
5 records; and generally relating to a certain reporting requirement regarding the
6 collection of certain personal information by units of State government.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – State Government
9 Section 10–624(a) and (b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – State Government
14 Section 10–624(c)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 10–624.

21 (a) In this section, “personal record” means a public record that names or,
22 with reasonable certainty, otherwise identifies an individual by an identifying factor
23 such as:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) an address;
- 2 (2) a description;
- 3 (3) a finger or voice print;
- 4 (4) a number; or
- 5 (5) a picture.

6 (b) (1) Personal records may not be created unless the need for the
7 information has been clearly established by the unit collecting the records.

8 (2) Personal information collected for personal records:

9 (i) shall be appropriate and relevant to the purposes for which
10 it is collected;

11 (ii) shall be accurate and current to the greatest extent
12 practicable; and

13 (iii) may not be obtained by fraudulent means.

14 (c) (1) This subsection only applies to units of State government.

15 (2) Except as otherwise provided by law, an official custodian who
16 keeps personal records shall, to the greatest extent practicable, collect personal
17 information from the person in interest.

18 (3) An official custodian who requests personal information for
19 personal records shall provide the following information to each person in interest
20 from whom personal information is collected:

21 (i) the purpose for which the personal information is collected;

22 (ii) any specific consequences to the person for refusal to provide
23 the personal information;

24 (iii) the person's right to inspect, amend, or correct personal
25 records, if any;

26 (iv) whether the personal information is generally available for
27 public inspection; and

28 (v) whether the personal information is made available or
29 transferred to or shared with any entity other than the official custodian.

1 (4) Each unit of State government shall post its privacy policies with
2 regard to the collection of personal information, including the policies specified in this
3 subsection, on its Internet website.

4 (5) The following personal records shall be exempt from the
5 requirements of this subsection:

6 (i) information pertaining to the enforcement of criminal laws
7 or the administration of the penal system;

8 (ii) information contained in investigative materials kept for the
9 purpose of investigating a specific violation of State law and maintained by a State
10 agency whose principal function may be other than law enforcement;

11 (iii) information contained in public records which are accepted
12 by the State Archivist for deposit in the Maryland Hall of Records;

13 (iv) information gathered as part of formal research projects
14 previously reviewed and approved by federally mandated institutional review boards;
15 and

16 (v) any other personal records exempted by regulations adopted
17 by the Secretary of Budget and Management, based on the recommendation of the
18 Chief of Information Technology.

19 (6) [In accordance with § 2-1246 of this article, the Secretary of
20 Budget and Management shall report on October 1 of each year to the General
21 Assembly on the personal records exempted by regulations under paragraph (5)(v) of
22 this subsection] **IF THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ADOPTS
23 REGULATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (5)(V) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
24 SECRETARY SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, REPORT
25 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PERSONAL RECORDS EXEMPTED FROM
26 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2008.