

# HOUSE BILL 78

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By: **Delegate Korman**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Maryland Manual – Revisions**  
3 **(Maryland Manual Modernization Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law to require the State Archives to  
5 compile, edit, and publish an online Maryland Manual; altering the content of the  
6 Maryland Manual; requiring the State Archives to update the Maryland Manual as  
7 necessary to maintain the accuracy of the information and to preserve each version  
8 that is published; providing that the Maryland Manual constitutes the historical  
9 record of government in the State; requiring the State Archivist, to the extent  
10 practicable, to provide certain outreach to certain persons; repealing certain  
11 provisions of law relating to the provision and distribution of the Maryland Manual  
12 by the State Archivist; and generally relating to the Maryland Manual.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – State Government  
15 Section 9–1026  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

18 BY repealing  
19 Article – State Government  
20 Section 9–1027  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – State Government**  
26 9–1026.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) [Every 2 years, the] **THE** State Archives shall compile [and], edit [a], **AND**  
2 **PUBLISH AN ONLINE** Maryland Manual that:

3 **(1) DESCRIBES:**

4 **(I) THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING STATE,**  
5 **INTERSTATE, REGIONAL, COUNTY, INTERCOUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT;**  
6 **AND**

7 **(II) FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO**  
8 **THE STATE; AND**

9 **(2) contains:**

10 **[(1)] (I) a copy of the Maryland Constitution;**

11 **[(2)] (II) the name [and address] of each officer of the State [or], a county,**  
12 **OR A MUNICIPALITY** who is:

13 **[(i)] 1. elected;**

14 **[(ii)] 2. appointed by the Governor; or**

15 **[(iii)] 3. appointed by the Board of Public Works; and**

16 **[(3)] (III) any other information that, in consultation with the Hall of**  
17 **Records Commission, the State Archivist considers necessary.**

18 **[(b) In accordance with Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article,**  
19 **the Archives shall print the Maryland Manual, as provided in the State budget.]**

20 **(B) THE STATE ARCHIVES SHALL:**

21 **(1) UPDATE THE MARYLAND MANUAL AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN**  
22 **THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION; AND**

23 **(2) PRESERVE EACH VERSION OF THE MARYLAND MANUAL THAT IS**  
24 **PUBLISHED.**

25 **(C) THE MARYLAND MANUAL CONSTITUTES THE HISTORICAL RECORD OF**  
26 **GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE.**

1           **(D) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE STATE ARCHIVIST SHALL PROVIDE**  
2 **OUTREACH TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO**  
3 **INCREASE AWARENESS REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY AND CONTENT OF THE**  
4 **MARYLAND MANUAL.**

5 [9–1027.

6           (a) The State Archivist shall provide, without charge:

7                   (1) to the State Law Library, 25 cloth-bound copies of each new Maryland  
8 Manual;

9                   (2) to each member of the General Assembly, 2 cloth-bound copies and 8  
10 other copies of each new Maryland Manual;

11                   (3) to each public or private educational institution in the State, 1 copy of  
12 each new Maryland Manual; and

13                   (4) to the Legislative Library, 50 cloth-bound copies of each new Maryland  
14 Manual.

15           (b) If a former member of the General Assembly asks the State Archivist for a  
16 copy of the Maryland Manual, the State Archivist shall provide, without charge, a copy of  
17 the current Maryland Manual.

18           (c) The State Archivist and the Secretary of State may distribute other copies of  
19 the Maryland Manual as they consider necessary or desirable.]

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2017.