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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Personal Information Protection Act – Security Breach Notification**
3 **Requirements – Modifications**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the applicability of certain security breach investigation and
5 notification requirements to certain businesses; authorizing a certain business to
6 elect to provide a certain notification; prohibiting a certain business from charging a
7 certain business a fee for providing information needed to provide a certain
8 notification or requiring or compelling a certain business to make a certain election;
9 prohibiting a certain business from using certain information for certain purposes;
10 altering the provisions of law with which certain businesses and affiliates shall be
11 deemed to be in compliance by being subject to and in compliance with certain federal
12 laws and guidelines; and generally relating to the Maryland Personal Information
13 Protection Act.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Commercial Law
16 Section 14-3504(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Commercial Law
21 Section 14-3504(b) and (c) and 14-3507
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

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 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

3 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article – Commercial Law**

5 14–3504.

6 (a) In this section:

7 (1) “Breach of the security of a system” means the unauthorized acquisition
8 of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of the
9 personal information maintained by a business; and

10 (2) “Breach of the security of a system” does not include the good faith
11 acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of a business for the purposes
12 of the business, provided that the personal information is not used or subject to further
13 unauthorized disclosure.

14 (b) (1) A business that ~~owns or~~ licenses, **OR** **MAINTAINS** computerized data
15 that includes personal information of an individual residing in the State, when it discovers
16 or is notified **[of]** **THAT IT INCURRED** a breach of the security of a system, shall conduct in
17 good faith a reasonable and prompt investigation to determine the likelihood that personal
18 information of the individual has been or will be misused as a result of the breach.

19 (2) **If SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C)(4) OF THIS SECTION, AND IF**, after
20 the investigation is concluded, the business determines that misuse of the individual’s
21 personal information has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur as a result of a breach of
22 the security of a system, the business shall notify the individual of the breach.

23 (3) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the notification
24 required under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be given as soon as reasonably
25 practicable after the business conducts the investigation required under paragraph (1) of
26 this subsection.

27 (4) If after the investigation required under paragraph (1) of this
28 subsection is concluded, the business determines that notification under paragraph (2) of
29 this subsection is not required, the business shall maintain records that reflect its
30 determination for 3 years after the determination is made.

31 (c) (1) A business that maintains computerized data that includes personal
32 information that the business does not own or license shall notify the owner or licensee of
33 the personal information of a breach of the security of a system if it is likely that the breach
34 has resulted or will result in the misuse of personal information of an individual residing
35 in the State.

(3) A business that is required to notify an owner or licensee of personal information of a breach of the security of a system under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall share with the owner or licensee information relative to the breach.

16 **1. CHARGE THE BUSINESS THAT OWNS OR LICENSES**
17 **THE COMPUTERIZED DATA A FEE FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION NEEDED TO**
18 **PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION; OR**

27 14-3507.

28 (a) In this section, "affiliate" means a company that controls, is controlled by, or
29 is under common control with a business described in subsection (c)(1) of this section.

30 (b) A business that complies with the requirements for notification procedures,
31 the protection or security of personal information, or the destruction of personal
32 information under the rules, regulations, procedures, or guidelines established by the
33 primary or functional federal or State regulator of the business shall be deemed to be in
34 compliance with this subtitle.

(2) An affiliate that complies with § 501(b) of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, § 216 of the federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681w, the federal Interagency Guidelines Establishing Information Security Standards, and the federal Interagency Guidance on Response Programs for Unauthorized Access to Customer Information and Customer Notice, and any revisions, additions, or substitutions, shall be deemed to be in compliance with ~~§ 14-3503~~ ~~OF~~ this subtitle.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.