

# HOUSE BILL 1141

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Information Technology – Social Media Applications – TikTok Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain social media application from being installed or  
4 maintained on any information technology owned by a unit of State government;  
5 requiring the Department of Budget and Management, in collaboration with the  
6 Department of Information Technology, to prepare guidance for units of State  
7 government to remove from and prohibit the use of a certain social media application  
8 on information technology owned by the unit; and generally relating to social media  
9 applications and State information technology.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – State Finance and Procurement

12 Section 3.5–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Social Media Applications”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

18 **SUBTITLE 8. SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATIONS.**

19 **3.5–801.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY” HAS THE MEANING**  
21 **STATED IN § 3.5–301 OF THIS TITLE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A UNIT OF**  
2 **STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT ALLOW THE SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION TIKTOK TO**  
3 **BE INSTALLED OR MAINTAINED ON ANY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OWNED BY THE**  
4 **UNIT.**

5           **(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY WHERE THE USE OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA**  
6 **APPLICATION TIKTOK IS NECESSARY FOR:**

7                   **(1) LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES;**

8                   **(2) PROTECTING NATIONAL SECURITY; OR**

9                   **(3) RESEARCH ON SECURITY PRACTICES.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31,  
11 2023, the Department of Budget and Management, in collaboration with the Department  
12 of Information Technology, shall publish guidelines to assist units of State government in:

13                   (1) removing the social media application TikTok from information  
14 technology owned by the unit;

15                   (2) maintaining an ongoing prohibition on the social media application  
16 TikTok being installed or maintained on any information technology owned by the unit;  
17 and

18                   (3) permitting the installation and maintenance of the social media  
19 application TikTok where it is necessary for:

20                           (i) law enforcement activities;

21                           (ii) protecting national security; and

22                           (iii) research on security practices.

23           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2023.