

SENATE BILL 580

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Walk-In Service Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain State divisions and programs to provide walk-in
4 service to the public on a first-come, first-served basis at a reasonable frequency
5 and at reasonable locations; and generally relating to walk-in service requirements.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – State Government

8 Section 10-1703

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – State Government**

14 **10-1703.**

15 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING STATE DIVISIONS AND
16 PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC:

17 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, DURABLE AND MEDICAL
18 EQUIPMENT RE-USE PROGRAM;

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MARYLAND BUSINESS
20 EXPRESS PROGRAM;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



5 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND
6 HERITAGE SERVICE;

11 (8) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MARYLAND'S
12 COMMITMENT TO VETERANS PROGRAM;

15 (10) THE MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE;

16 (11) THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, TRANSPORTATION
17 DIVISION; AND

(12) THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES, REFERENCE SERVICES
DEPARTMENT.

(1) AT A REASONABLE FREQUENCY, BUT NOT LESS THAN 1 DAY PER
WEEK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.; AND

25 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AT REASONABLE
26 LOCATIONS.

27 (C) (1) A DIVISION OR PROGRAM LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
28 SECTION THAT REGULARLY PROVIDES IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC
29 SHALL PROVIDE WALK-IN SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
30 SECTION AT EACH LOCATION WHERE IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS ARE HELD.

1 **(2) A DIVISION OR PROGRAM LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
2 **SECTION THAT DOES NOT REGULARLY PROVIDE IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS TO THE**
3 **PUBLIC SHALL ESTABLISH AT LEAST ONE LOCATION FOR THE PROVISION OF**
4 **WALK-IN SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2026.