

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, The safety of the people who live in, work in, and visit Maryland is entrusted to an assortment of federal, State, county, and municipal units in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government; and~~

~~WHEREAS, To carry out this critical mission, the diverse government units must be able to rapidly and effectively share information, using a variety of information technology and communications systems, and be able to access data, images, and other information contained in historical and other database systems maintained by federal, State, county, and municipal units; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Historically, individual jurisdictions and individual units have established and maintained separate databases and separate communication and information management systems; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Currently, the responsibility for developing and managing the State's critical communications, information, and data systems infrastructure is dispersed among dozens of units at many governmental levels within and outside of the State; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Communication and information sharing should be enhanced by adopting common standards and protocols to facilitate system compatibility and interoperability among federal, State, county, and municipal units in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government; and~~

~~WHEREAS, No single entity currently has the responsibility to ensure that communication and information systems used by federal, State, county, and municipal units are compatible and interoperable; now, therefore,~~

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

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

TITLE 3. STATE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

3-101.

IN THIS TITLE, "COMMISSION" MEANS THE STATE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

3-102.

(A) THERE IS A STATE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ~~25~~ 20 ~~19~~ MEMBERS:

(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;