

conditions; providing greater access in certain circumstances to investigative, intelligence, and security records; generally revising the provisions relating to the right to inspect public records; making changes in the provisions permitting denial of public records or any portion thereof; providing an administrative review; providing for judicial enforcement; creating civil liability for violations; providing for appropriate personnel disciplinary action; providing for the removal of the subsections allowing special treatment of public records in Harford County; providing for statutory limitation on the right to bring an action; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 76A - Public Information  
Section 1 through 5, inclusive  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 76A - Public Information  
Section 1A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-110  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 76A - Public Information

1.

[As used in this article:]

(A) IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

[(a) The term "public" (b) "PUBLIC records" when not otherwise specified shall include any paper, correspondence, form, book, photograph, photostat, film, microfilm, sound recording, map, drawing, or other WRITTEN document, regardless of physical form or characteristics, and including all copies thereof, that have been made by [the] ANY BRANCH OF THE State [and any counties, municipalities and] GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES, BY ANY BRANCH OF A political