

- (e) Seek to formulate a single recommended course of action based on review comments;
- (f) Coordinate responses when federal agencies advise that they cannot accommodate the concerns of State, regional, and local public officials;
- (g) Coordinate efforts by State agencies to simplify and consolidate federally-required State plans; and
- (h) Periodically prepare any necessary reports on the activities of the review process.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF OCTOBER 24, 1983

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PRIVACY AND STATE DATA SYSTEM SECURITY

WHEREAS, There is a constitutional right of privacy under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, The privacy of an individual is directly affected by the collection, maintenance, use and security of personal records by State agencies; and

WHEREAS, The increasing use of computers and sophisticated information technology, while essential to the efficient operation of State agencies, has greatly magnified the potential harm to individual privacy and the proper functioning of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

1. Purpose - The purpose of this Executive Order is to direct adherence by State agencies to the following principles of information practice:
  - (a) There should be no personal record system whose existence is secret;
  - (b) Personal records should not be collected unless the need for the information has been clearly