

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

Article - State Government

7-206.1.

(A) THE DIVISION MAY ARRANGE FOR DATA BASES DERIVED FROM PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE DIVISION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR DIRECT ON-LINE SEARCHING BY CONTRACTING WITH THIRD-PARTY OR VALUE-ADDED RESELLERS.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE DATA CENTER SHALL CHARGE FOR ON-LINE ACCESS TO THE MARYLAND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM.

(C) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A STATE DATA CENTER TO PROVIDE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH DIRECT ON-LINE ACCESS OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF ACCESS TO THE COMPUTERS OR DATA BASES OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.

7-216.

(a) (1) The Committee shall adopt guidelines for the Administrator to set the price for:

(I) a copy of or a subscription to the Code of Maryland Regulations and the Register; AND

(II) A COPY OF A DATA BASE OR OTHER COMPUTER READABLE INFORMATION ON MAGNETIC TAPE OR SOME OTHER ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

(2) The Committee may allow:

(i) a volume discount; and

(ii) the free, reciprocal exchange of publications by the State and other jurisdictions.

(b) A copy of the Code of Maryland Regulations or the Register shall be available to the public at the price set under this section.

(c) The Administrator shall provide, without charge:

(1) to each member of the General Assembly, each issue of the Register;

(2) to the Enoch Pratt Library and the State Law Library, 1 copy of:

(i) the Code of Maryland Regulations;