

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

Article – State Government

10-617.

(a) Unless otherwise provided by law, a custodian shall deny inspection of a part of a public record, as provided in this section.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains medical or psychological information about an individual, other than an autopsy report of a medical examiner.

(2) A custodian shall permit the person in interest to inspect the public record to the extent permitted under § 4-302(b) of the Health – General Article.

(c) If the official custodian has adopted rules or regulations that define sociological information for purposes of this subsection, a custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains sociological information, in accordance with the rules or regulations.

(d) A custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains any of the following information provided by or obtained from any person or governmental unit:

- (1) a trade secret;
- (2) confidential commercial information;
- (3) confidential financial information; or
- (4) confidential geological or geophysical information.

(e) Subject to Article 73B, § 1-502 of the Code, a custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains the home address or telephone number of an employee of a unit or instrumentality of the State or of a political subdivision unless:

- (1) the employee gives permission for the inspection; or
- (2) the unit or instrumentality that employs the individual determines that inspection is needed to protect the public interest.

(f) (1) This subsection does not apply to the salary of a public employee.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains information about the finances of an individual, including assets, income, liabilities, net worth, bank balances, financial history or activities, or [credit worthiness] CREDITWORTHINESS.

(3) A custodian shall permit inspection by the person in interest.

(g) A custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains information about the security of an information system.