

[(2)] (3) to facilitate compliance with Part V of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That *the provisions of this Act may not be construed to preempt or conflict with the provisions of Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Health - General Article.*

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly encourages counties and municipal corporations to review their privacy policies and data security safeguards and conform their practices to those set forth in § 10-624(c) of the State Government Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 5**

**(House Bill 274)**

AN ACT concerning

**Electronic Government Initiative**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to ~~establish a~~ implement a certain time line for certain units of the Executive Branch of State government to make information and services available to the public over the Internet; providing for certain exceptions; requiring the Secretary to establish certain guidelines; requiring certain units of the Executive Branch to submit certain plans; requiring the Chief of Information Technology to review certain plans; requiring the statewide information technology master plan to include standards to assure nonvisual access to information and services made available to the public over the Internet under certain circumstances; and generally relating to State information technology policies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-401(b), 3-403, and 3-410

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

**Article - State Finance and Procurement**

3-401.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section AND § 3-403(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, this subtitle applies to