

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 42**

**(Senate Bill 74)**

AN ACT concerning

**Notaries Public**

FOR the purpose of authorizing any Senator to approve the issuance of a notary public commission if an applicant resides in a senatorial district and subdistrict for which the Senate office is vacant; providing that a notary public commission may only be issued to an individual living outside the State, if the individual's state allows a Maryland resident working in that state to serve as a notary public in that state; providing that the Secretary of State may provide lists of certain information in its records for a fee and under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of State to charge a reasonable fee for checks returned for insufficient funds; ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Secretary of State to revoke a notary public commission without a hearing under certain circumstances; requiring certain custodians of public records to permit inspection of certain ~~notary~~ information about a notary public in their records; prohibiting the Secretary of State from disclosing certain information under certain circumstances; and generally relating to notaries public.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 10-617(j)(2), 18-101, 18-102, and 18-103(a) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 18-114

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

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