

to persons from whom personal information is collected; providing for certain exceptions; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to report annually to the General Assembly on certain regulations; requiring units of State government to post certain privacy policies on their web sites; requiring ~~units~~ each unit of State government to ensure the security of ~~certain~~ the unit's records; prohibiting a certain construction of this Act; encouraging counties and municipal corporations to conform certain practices to this Act; and generally relating to privacy policies and data security for public records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 10-624 and 10-633

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article – State Government

10-624.

(a) In this section, "personal record" means a public record that names or, with reasonable certainty, otherwise identifies an individual by an identifying factor such as:

- (1) an address;
- (2) a description;
- (3) a finger or voice print;
- (4) a number; or
- (5) a picture.

(B) (1) PERSONAL RECORDS ~~SHALL~~ MAY NOT BE CREATED UNLESS THE NEED FOR THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED BY THE UNIT COLLECTING THE RECORDS.

(2) PERSONAL INFORMATION ~~SHALL~~ COLLECTED FOR PERSONAL RECORDS:

(I) SHALL BE APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT TO THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT IS COLLECTED;

(II) SHALL BE ACCURATE AND CURRENT TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ~~POSSIBLE~~ PRACTICABLE; AND

(III) MAY NOT BE OBTAINED BY FRAUDULENT MEANS.

(C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION ONLY APPLIES TO UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.