

(5) AUTHENTICATED COPIES OF THIS COMPACT AND OF SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE ENTERED INTO SHALL AT THE TIME OF THEIR APPROVAL BE RETAINED BY EACH PARTY JURISDICTION AND WITH THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

ARTICLE 8.
VALIDITY

(H) (1) THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES STATED IN ARTICLE 1 HEREOF.

(2) IF ANY PART OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS COMPACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT ARE DECLARED SEVERABLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the jurisdictions eligible to enter into the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact should adopt the Compact by June 1, 2003.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2002.

Approved April 9, 2002.

CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 240)

AN ACT concerning

State Government - Access to Public Records - Public Security Documents

FOR the purpose of establishing the circumstances under which a custodian may deny inspection of certain records relating to public security; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the inspection of public records.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 10-618(a), 10-622, and 10-623

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to