

Article - State Government

Section 10-613, 10-614, ~~10-618(a)~~, 10-621, 10-623, and 10-626

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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Section 10-618(a)

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

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10-613.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, a custodian shall permit a person or governmental unit to inspect any public record at any reasonable time.

(2) INSPECTION OR COPYING OF A PUBLIC RECORD MAY BE DENIED ONLY TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED UNDER THIS PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(b) To protect public records and to prevent unnecessary interference with official business, each official custodian shall adopt reasonable rules or regulations that, subject to this Part III of this subtitle, govern timely production and inspection of a public record.

(C) EACH OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER TO:

(1) DESIGNATE SPECIFIC TYPES OF PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY APPLICANT IMMEDIATELY UPON REQUEST; AND

(2) MAINTAIN A CURRENT LIST OF THE TYPES OF PUBLIC RECORDS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS AVAILABLE TO ANY APPLICANT IMMEDIATELY UPON REQUEST.

10-614.

(a) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person or governmental unit that wishes to inspect a public record shall submit a written application to the custodian.

(2) A PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT NEED NOT SUBMIT A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE CUSTODIAN IF:

(I) THE PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT SEEKS TO INSPECT A PUBLIC RECORD ~~OF A TYPE~~ LISTED BY AN OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-613(C)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR