

CHAPTER 269

(Senate Bill 377)

AN ACT concerning

Access to Public Records - Required Denials - Alarm and Security Systems

FOR the purpose of requiring a custodian to deny inspection of a public record containing certain information about a person, including a commercial entity, that maintains an alarm or security system, except under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to permit inspection of certain public records by certain persons; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to access to public records relating to alarm and security systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 10-617

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

10-617.

(a) Unless otherwise provided by law, a custodian shall deny inspection of a part of a public record, as provided in this section.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains medical or psychological information about an individual, other than an autopsy report of a medical examiner.

(2) A custodian shall permit the person in interest to inspect the public record to the extent permitted under § 4-304(a) of the Health - General Article.

(c) If the official custodian has adopted rules or regulations that define sociological information for purposes of this subsection, a custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains sociological information, in accordance with the rules or regulations.

(d) A custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains any of the following information provided by or obtained from any person or governmental unit:

- (1) a trade secret;
- (2) confidential commercial information;