

CHAPTER 655

(Senate Bill 170)

AN ACT concerning

Open Meetings Law

FOR the purpose of revising certain standards for the conduct of meetings of public bodies; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; creating a State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board; providing for the membership, staff, powers, and duties of the Board; authorizing a person to file a certain ~~complaint~~ complaints with the Board; specifying the contents of a complaint filed with the Board; requiring a public body to file a written response with the Board within a certain time period; prohibiting the introduction as evidence into a certain proceeding an opinion issued by the Board; altering the application of this Act; altering certain notice requirements for open meetings; ~~authorizing~~ requiring certain recordings of certain meetings; authorizing a public body to adopt and enforce certain rules; altering requirements for permitting closed sessions under certain circumstances; repealing a provision that permits closed sessions under certain circumstances; altering provisions relating to minutes of closed sessions; requiring a public body to provide for the preservation of its minutes and any tape recordings of a session for a certain period of time; requiring the sealing and unsealing of the minutes and any tape recordings of a closed session under specified circumstances; repealing a provision that prohibits the public inspection of minutes of closed meetings under certain circumstances; altering certain enforcement provisions; establishing a certain civil penalty; making certain technical changes; providing for ~~a delayed~~ the effective ~~date~~ dates of this Act; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act by a certain date; and generally relating to the conduct of meetings of public bodies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 10-501, 10-503, 10-505, 10-506, 10-507, 10-508, 10-509, and 10-510

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 10-501, 10-502.1, 10-502.2, 10-502.3, 10-502.4, 10-502.5, 10-502.6, 10-511, and 10-512

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BY repealing

Article – State Government

Section 10-502