

## CHAPTER 100

(Senate Bill 702)

AN ACT concerning

**Access to Public Records**

FOR the purpose of requiring a custodian to deny inspection of certain public records relating to police reports of traffic accidents, ~~District Court arrest warrants and commissioner warrants~~ certain criminal charging documents, and traffic citations filed in the Maryland Automated Traffic Citations System to certain persons under certain circumstances; ~~permitting the inspection of certain public records under certain circumstances;~~ making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to denial of access to certain public records under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 10-616

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1991 Supplement).

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

**Article - State Government**

10-616.

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

(b) A custodian shall deny inspection of public records that relate to the adoption of an individual.

(c) A custodian shall deny inspection of public records that relate to welfare for an individual.

(d) A custodian shall deny inspection of a letter of reference.

(e) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, a custodian shall prohibit inspection, use, or disclosure of a circulation record of a public library or other item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual that:

(i) is maintained by a library;

(ii) contains an individual's name or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual; and

(iii) identifies the use a patron makes of that library's materials, services, or facilities.