

CHAPTER 459

(House Bill 253)

AN ACT concerning

State Government - Forms - Racial Designation Identification

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the Records Management Division of the Department of General Services to prepare forms that require the~~ a department or independent unit to include certain racial categories in the preparation of a form that requires identification of individuals by race and; requiring a form that requires identification of individuals by race to allow certain respondents to choose more than one racial category; requiring respondents to select their own answers on certain forms under certain circumstances; requiring that the forms provide a separate question for certain respondents of Hispanic or Latino origin; establishing a certain deadline for standards to be implemented on forms; and generally relating to racial ~~classifications~~ identification on State forms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 10-606

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

10-606.

(a) The plan shall:

(1) ensure that the forms management officer approves the use of a form by the department or independent unit only if the form:

(i) is needed for the effective or efficient operation of the department or independent unit;

(ii) requests information that is needed for or relevant to a lawful purpose of the department or independent unit;

(iii) does not impose an undue burden on the individual who is to complete the form;

(iv) is as brief, as plainly written, as well designed, and as easily completed as possible; and

(v) does not duplicate unnecessarily:

1. another form of the department or independent unit; or