

HOUSE BILL 1202

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Information Act – Required Denials – Newsletters Sent by Public**
3 **Officials**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a custodian of records under the Public Information Act
5 to deny inspection of the part of a public record that includes the electronic mail
6 addresses of individuals who were sent a certain newsletter from a public
7 official; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the inspection of
8 newsletters sent by public officials under the Public Information Act.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – State Government
11 Section 10–617(n)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Government**

17 10–617.

18 **(N) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “PUBLIC OFFICIAL” MEANS AN**
19 **OFFICIAL OF THE STATE OR OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE.**

20 **(2) A CUSTODIAN SHALL DENY INSPECTION OF THE PART OF A**
21 **PUBLIC RECORD THAT INCLUDES THE ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESSES OF**
22 **INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SENT A NEWSLETTER FROM A PUBLIC OFFICIAL THAT**
23 **WAS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(I) SENT BY A MASS ELECTRONIC MAILING;**
- 2 **(II) INTENDED TO BE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES**
- 3 **ONLY; AND**
- 4 **(III) RELATED TO THE OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC**
- 5 **OFFICIAL.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2012.