

SENATE BILL 845

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By: **Senator Getty**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2013

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Information Act – Required Denials – Electronic Mail Addresses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, except under certain circumstances, a custodian of a
4 public record to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains a
5 certain electronic mail address; and generally relating to the inspection of public
6 records under the Public Information Act.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 10–617(n)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Government**

15 10–617.

16 **(N) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
17 **SUBSECTION, A CUSTODIAN SHALL DENY INSPECTION OF THE PART OF A PUBLIC**
18 **RECORD THAT CONTAINS AN ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS THAT WAS PROVIDED**
19 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF OR IN THE COURSE OF COMMUNICATING WITH A UNIT OR**
20 **INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.**

21 **(2) IF AN ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS IS THE ONLY WAY TO**
22 **IDENTIFY THE PERSON IN INTEREST, A CUSTODIAN SHALL PERMIT INSPECTION**
23 **OF THE PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CONTAINS THE ELECTRONIC MAIL**
24 **ADDRESS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2013.