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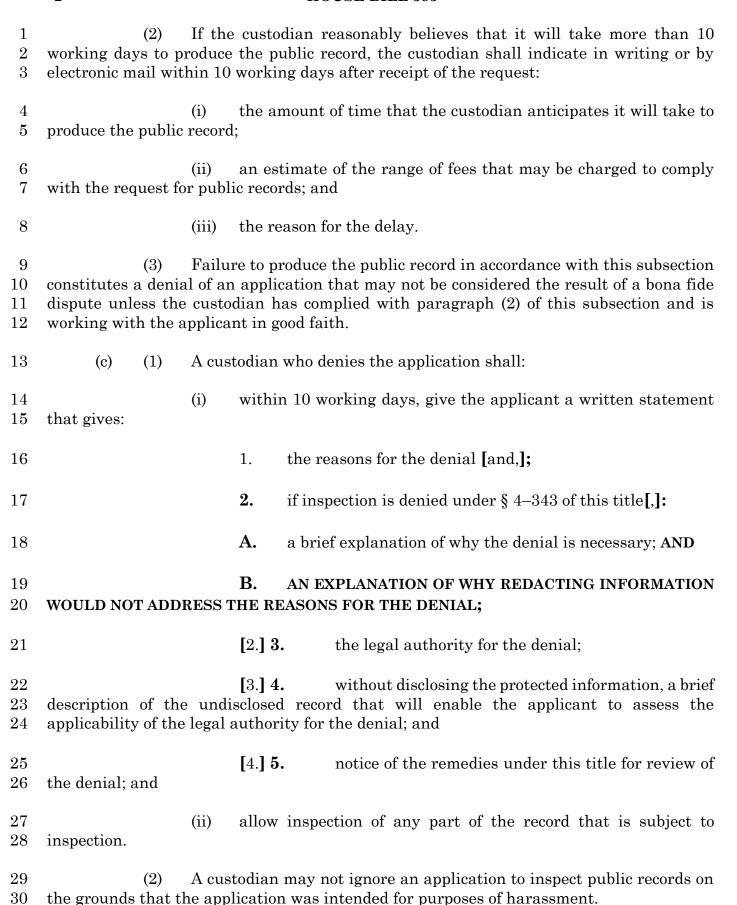
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A BILL ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT concerning |
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| 2 3 | Public Information Act – Denials of Inspection – Explanation Regarding Redaction |
| 4 5 6 7 | FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, a custodian of a public record to include in a certain written statement an explanation of why redacting information would not address the reasons for denying inspection of a public record and generally relating to the denials of inspection of public records. |
| 8 9 10 11 12 | BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – General Provisions Section 4–203 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement) |
| 13 14 | SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: |
| 15 | Article - General Provisions |
| 16 | 4–203. |
| 17 18 | (a) The custodian shall grant or deny the application promptly, but not more than 30 days after receiving the application. |
| 19 20 21 | (b) (1) A custodian who approves the application shall produce the public record immediately or within a reasonable period that is needed to retrieve the public record, but not more than 30 days after receipt of the application. |





- 1 (d) Any time limit imposed under this section:
- 2 $\,$ $\,$ (1) $\,$ with the consent of the applicant, may be extended for not more than $3\,$ 30 days; and
- 4 (2) if the applicant seeks resolution of a dispute under § 4–1B–04 of this 5 title, shall be extended pending resolution of that dispute.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 7 October 1, 2017.