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1	AN	ACT	concerning

2 Public Information Act – Denials of Inspection – Explanation Regarding Redaction

- 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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article General Provisions
- 10 Section 4–203
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 Article - General Provisions

- 16 4–203.
- 17 (a) The custodian shall grant or deny the application promptly, but not more than 30 days after receiving the application.

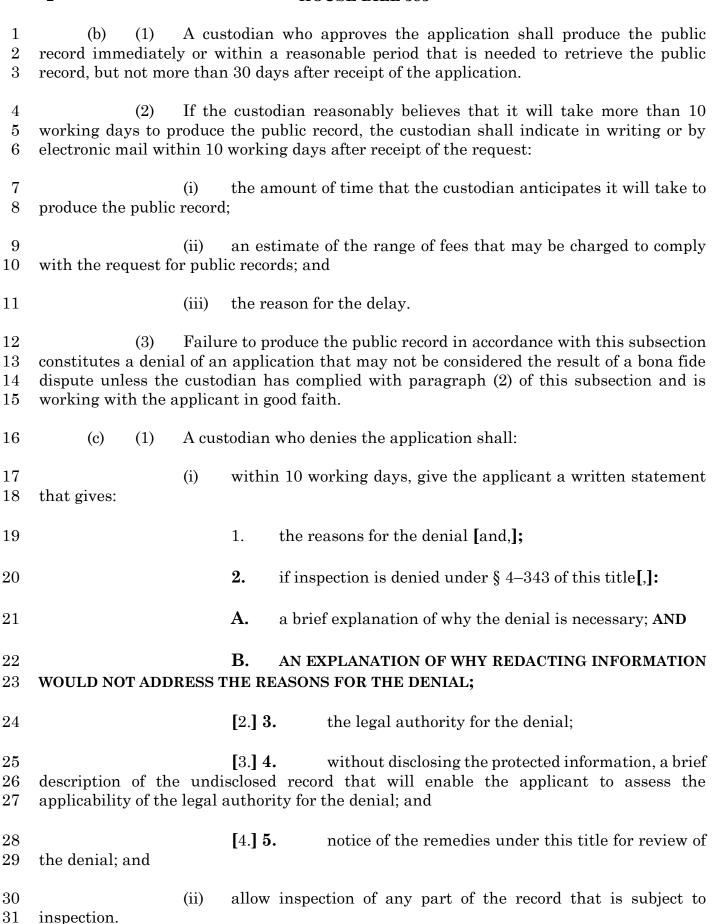
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.





(2) A custodian may not ignore an application to inspect public records on the grounds that the application was intended for purposes of harassment.
(d) Any time limit imposed under this section:
(1) with the consent of the applicant, may be extended for not more than 30 days; and
(2) if the applicant seeks resolution of a dispute under \S 4–1B–04 of this title, shall be extended pending resolution of that dispute.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.
Approved:
Approved.
Governor.
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
President of the Senate.