

SENATE BILL 844

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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 – Electronic Mail Addresses – Web Site Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain governmental units to post on the Web sites of
4 the units a certain statement notifying the public that electronic mail addresses
5 are public records; defining a certain term; and generally relating to electronic
6 mail addresses as public records.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 10–619.1

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 **10–619.1.**

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “GOVERNMENTAL UNIT” MEANS A UNIT OR AN
17 INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE, A COUNTY, OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

18 (B) A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT HAS A WEB SITE AND USES
19 ELECTRONIC MAIL SHALL POST THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN A
20 CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE WEB SITE:

21 “UNDER MARYLAND LAW, E–MAIL ADDRESSES ARE PUBLIC RECORDS. IF
22 YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR E–MAIL ADDRESS RELEASED IN RESPONSE TO A

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST, DO NOT SEND E-MAIL TO THIS ENTITY.
2 INSTEAD, CONTACT THIS ENTITY BY PHONE OR IN WRITING.”.

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