

HOUSE BILL 372

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By: **Delegate Carr**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2020

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Information Act – Required Denials for Specific Information –**
3 **Sociological Information**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a definition of “sociological information” adopted in rules or
5 regulations by an official custodian for certain purposes from including an
6 individual’s personal address; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to
7 required denials of sociological information under the Public Information Act.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – General Provisions
10 Section 4–330
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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 4–330.

17 **(A)** If the official custodian has adopted rules or regulations that define, **SUBJECT**
18 **TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**, “sociological information” for purposes of this
19 section, a custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains
20 sociological information, in accordance with the rules or regulations.

21 **(B)** A DEFINITION OF “SOCIOLOGICAL INFORMATION” ADOPTED UNDER
22 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION** MAY NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL’S PERSONAL
23 **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, 2020.