

# HOUSE BILL 308

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By: **Delegate Lierman**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Comptroller – Online Payment Processing Portal**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to maintain an online payment processing  
4 portal to track payments made to payees; requiring the payment processing portal  
5 to have certain capabilities; requiring the unit of State government responsible for  
6 making a payment to a payee to update the online payment processing portal when  
7 the status of a payment changes; authorizing the Comptroller to consult with the  
8 Department of Information Technology in developing the online payment processing  
9 portal; requiring the Comptroller, on or before a certain date, to submit a report to  
10 certain committees of the General Assembly on the development and implementation  
11 of the online payment processing portal; and generally relating to a State online  
12 payment processing portal.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – State Government  
15 Section 4–113  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – State Government**

21 **4–113.**

22 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
23 INDICATED.

24 (2) “EMARYLAND MARKETPLACE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **13-101 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

2 **(3) "PAYEE" MEANS AN ENTITY, INCLUDING A NONPROFIT**  
3 **CORPORATION OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THAT IS OWED MONEY FOR GOODS**  
4 **PROVIDED TO OR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE STATE UNDER AN AGREEMENT.**

5 **(B) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ONLINE PAYMENT**  
6 **PROCESSING PORTAL TO TRACK PAYMENTS MADE TO PAYEES.**

7 **(C) THE ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESSING PORTAL SHALL:**

8 **(1) ENABLE A PAYEE TO CONFIRM RECEIPT BY THE STATE OF ANY**  
9 **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS THE PAYEE MUST SUBMIT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT;**

10 **(2) NOTIFY THE PAYEE WHEN ITS REQUEST FOR PAYMENT:**

11 **(I) IS UNDER REVIEW;**

12 **(II) IS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT; AND**

13 **(III) HAS BEEN PAID BY THE STATE;**

14 **(3) PROVIDE THE NAME, E-MAIL ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER**  
15 **OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING AND APPROVING A**  
16 **PAYMENT;**

17 **(4) BE INTEGRATED WITH EMARYLAND MARKETPLACE; AND**

18 **(5) ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SEARCH PAYMENTS:**

19 **(I) MADE TO A PAYEE USING THE NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE**  
20 **PAYEE; AND**

21 **(II) BY THE UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT MAKING THE**  
22 **PAYMENT, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE PAYMENT, OR CATEGORY OF THE**  
23 **EXPENSE.**

24 **(D) THE UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A**  
25 **PAYMENT TO A PAYEE SHALL UPDATE THE CHANGES IN PAYMENT STATUS TRACKED**  
26 **THROUGH THE ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESSING PORTAL.**

27 **(E) THE COMPTROLLER MAY CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
28 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION,**

1 OPERATION, OR REDESIGN OF THE ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESSING PORTAL AND ANY  
2 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESSING PORTAL.

3 (F) THE COMPTROLLER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

6 (a) In this section, “payee” has the meaning indicated in § 4–113(a)(3) of the State  
7 Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

8 (b) On or before January 1, 2023, the Comptroller shall report to the Senate  
9 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and  
10 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government  
11 Article, on the development and implementation of the online payment processing portal  
12 required under § 4–113 of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this  
13 Act.

14 (c) The report required under subsection (b) of this section shall contain:

15 (1) an overview of the proposed design and capabilities of the online  
16 payment processing portal;

17 (2) an update on the status of any procurement associated with the  
18 development and implementation of the online payment processing portal;

19 (3) a draft outreach and advertising plan to alert payees and the public to  
20 the development and features of the online payment processing portal; and

21 (4) other information as the Comptroller deems necessary to provide an  
22 accurate account of the development and implementation of the online payment processing  
23 portal.

24 (d) If the Comptroller seeks comments or questions on the development and  
25 implementation of the online payment processing portal, the Comptroller shall include  
26 answers to the questions and an analysis of the comments with the report required under  
27 subsection (b) of this section.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

29 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the online payment  
30 processing portal required under § 4–113 of the State Government Article, as enacted by  
31 Section 1 of this Act, shall be operational on or before July 1, 2023.

32 (b) (1) The requirements of § 4–113(c)(4) of the State Government Article, as  
33 enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be operational on or before January 1, 2024.

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1                   (2)     The requirements of § 4–113(c)(5) of the State Government Article, as  
2 enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be operational on or before July 1, 2024.

3                   SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 1, 2022.