

Chapter 439

(House Bill 329)

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Required Denials – Senior Citizen Activities Centers

FOR the purpose of requiring a custodian of records under the Public Information Act to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains certain information regarding an individual enrolled in or a member of certain senior citizen activities centers; requiring a custodian to permit inspection of certain information by a person in interest, law enforcement personnel, and emergency services personnel; defining ~~a certain term~~ terms; and generally relating to the inspection of the records of senior citizen activities centers under the Public Information Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–513(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 10–611(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 10–617(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

10–513.

(c) “Senior citizen activities center” means a community or neighborhood facility in which a broad spectrum of services are organized and provided to seniors

and their spouses, including health, social, nutritional, educational, and recreational services.

Article – State Government

10-611.

(e) “Person in interest” means:

(1) a person or governmental unit that is the subject of a public record or a designee of the person or governmental unit;

(2) if the person has a legal disability, the parent or legal representative of the person; or

(3) as to requests for correction of certificates of death under § 5-310(d)(2) of the Health – General Article, the spouse, adult child, parent, adult sibling, grandparent, or guardian of the person of the deceased at the time of the deceased’s death.

10-617.

(M) (1) **“SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-513 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE.**

(2) **A EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CUSTODIAN SHALL DENY INSPECTION OF THE PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CONTAINS THE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, OR ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN OR ANY MEMBER OF A SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER.**

(3) **A CUSTODIAN SHALL PERMIT INSPECTION BY:**

(I) **A PERSON IN INTEREST;**

(II) **LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL; OR**

(III) **EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL, INCLUDING:**

1. A CAREER FIREFIGHTER;

2. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE;

3. A RESCUE SQUAD EMPLOYEE; AND

4. A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER, OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT MEMBER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.