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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Agencies – Adoption of Regulations – Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a unit of State government to finalize adoption of certain
4 regulations before collecting any fee or other payment under a program authorized
5 or required under State law; and generally relating to the adoption of regulations by
6 State agencies.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 10–103

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – State Government**

15 **10–103.**

16 **IF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO ADOPT**
17 **REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM THAT IS AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED**
18 **UNDER STATE LAW, THE UNIT MAY NOT COLLECT ANY FEE OR OTHER PAYMENT**
19 **UNDER THAT PROGRAM UNTIL THE UNIT FINALIZES ADOPTION OF THE**
20 **REGULATIONS THAT IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2026.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

