

# HOUSE BILL 1570

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Governmental Procedures – Development and Review of**  
3 **Standards**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing certain requirements for standards developed by units of  
5 State government; requiring the periodic review of standards adopted by units of  
6 State government; and generally relating to standards developed by units of State  
7 government.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 10–1703

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **10–1703.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
18 **INDICATED.**

19 **(2) “DECISION–SUPPORT ALGORITHM” MEANS A COMPUTER**  
20 **PROGRAM USED BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE DECISION MAKING**  
21 **THAT IS EVALUATED BY A TECHNICAL EXPERT BEFORE BEING USED.**

22 **(3) “STANDARDS” MEANS OPERATIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR**  
23 **PROCEDURAL BENCHMARKS USED TO GUIDE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) IN DEVELOPING STANDARDS, A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL:**

2                   **(1) RELY ONLY ON FEASIBLE, TRANSPARENT, AND REPRODUCIBLE**  
3 **DATA;**

4                   **(2) INCORPORATE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING BEST**  
5 **PRACTICES AND REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES;**

6                   **(3) SEEK CONSENSUS AMONG STAKEHOLDERS;**

7                   **(4) RESOLVE DISPUTES THROUGH INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY**  
8 **TECHNICAL REVIEW USING RECOGNIZED RESEARCH AND EXPERTISE AND**  
9 **REFERENCE TO RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS;**

10                   **(5) AVOID RELYING ON TECHNICAL EXPERTS FOUND TO BE BIASED,**  
11 **AS DETERMINED BY INDEPENDENT REVIEWS;**

12                   **(6) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT:**

13                           **(I) TRANSFORMATIVE LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY;**

14                           **(II) SCIENTIFIC STANDARDS;**

15                           **(III) CULTURAL PRACTICES;**

16                           **(IV) COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES; AND**

17                           **(V) STRUCTURED INPUT FROM MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXPERTS;**

18 **AND**

19                   **(7) UTILIZE A DECISION-SUPPORT ALGORITHM.**

20           **(C) ANY INITIAL STANDARDS ADOPTED BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT**  
21 **SHALL:**

22                   **(1) BE BASED ON EXISTING CODES AND REGULATIONS, UNLESS**  
23 **OTHERWISE SPECIFIED;**

24                   **(2) CONFIRM EXISTING PRACTICES AND STANDARDS; AND**

25                   **(3) CLEARLY DEFINE GOALS, RISKS, AND METHODS.**

1           **(D) ANY STANDARDS ADOPTED BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL**  
2 **BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY USING:**

3                   **(1) CURRENT TECHNOLOGICAL BEST PRACTICES; AND**

4                   **(2) INDEPENDENT PEER INPUT.**

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