

In paragraph (2) of this subsection, the former phrase "in the classified and nonclassified service" is deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Includes"; "including" § 1-101

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Art. 76A, § 1(e), which defined the term "[p]olitical subdivision", now appears in Art. 24, § 5-101 of the Code, since, in light of the revision of this Part III of this subtitle to apply only to the State and its units, a definition of the term "political subdivision" is not needed here. As to political subdivisions, see Art. 24, §§ 5-101 through 5-117 of the Code.

Former Art. 76A, § 1(h), which defined "person" to "mea[n] and includ[e] any natural person, corporation, partnership, firm, association, or governmental agency", is deleted as unnecessary, except as to governmental units, in light of the definition of "person" in § 1-101 of this article and to avoid confusion with that definition, which generally is not construed to include governmental units. Therefore, throughout this Part III of this subtitle, a specific reference to a "governmental unit" is added in those provisions derived from former provisions in which the word "person" was used as defined.

#### 10-612. GENERAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION.

##### (A) GENERAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION.

ALL PERSONS ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE OFFICIAL ACTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

##### (B) GENERAL CONSTRUCTION.

TO CARRY OUT THE RIGHT SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS AN UNWARRANTED INVASION OF THE PRIVACY OF A PERSON IN INTEREST WOULD RESULT, THIS PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN FAVOR OF PERMITTING INSPECTION OF A PUBLIC RECORD, WITH THE LEAST COST AND LEAST DELAY TO THE PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT REQUESTS THE INSPECTION.

##### (C) GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THIS PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PRECLUDE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM ACQUIRING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LICENSED OR, AS REQUIRED BY A LAW OF THE STATE, REGISTERED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 76A, § 3(f) and the second and third sentences of § 1A.