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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Lobbying~~ **Ethics Commission - Electronic Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that if certain financial disclosure statements and
4 reports filed electronically are required to be made under oath, the oath shall be
5 made by a signed statement made expressly under the penalties for perjury in
6 the financial disclosure statement or report or attached to the financial
7 disclosure statement or report; providing that the signed statement is subject to
8 the same penalties for perjury as an oath or affirmation made before an
9 individual authorized to administer oaths; and generally relating to oaths in
10 electronic financial disclosure statements and reports made by lobbyists filed
11 electronically.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - State Government
14 Section 15-602(e)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - State Government
19 Section 15-709
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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Article - State Government2 15-602.

3 (E) (1) IF THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED
4 ELECTRONICALLY UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED TO BE
5 MADE UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION, THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION SHALL BE MADE
6 BY A SIGNED STATEMENT THAT:

7 (I) IS IN THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR ATTACHED
8 TO AND MADE PART OF THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; AND

9 (II) IS MADE EXPRESSLY UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY.

10 (2) A SIGNED STATEMENT MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
11 SUBSECTION SUBJECTS THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING IT TO THE PENALTIES FOR
12 PERJURY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION MADE BEFORE AN
13 INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

14 15-709.

15 (A) The State Ethics Commission shall develop procedures under which a
16 report required under §§ 15-704 through 15-708 of this subtitle:

17 (1) may be filed electronically without additional cost to the individual
18 who files the report; and

19 (2) shall be made available for public inspection electronically.

20 (B) (1) IF THE REPORT FILED ELECTRONICALLY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF
21 THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED TO BE MADE UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION, THE OATH
22 OR AFFIRMATION SHALL BE MADE BY A SIGNED STATEMENT THAT:

23 (I) IS IN THE REPORT OR ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE
24 REPORT; AND

25 (II) IS MADE EXPRESSLY UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY.

26 (2) A SIGNED STATEMENT MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH ~~(B)~~(1) (1) OF THIS
27 ~~SECTION~~ SUBSECTION SUBJECTS THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING IT TO THE PENALTIES
28 FOR PERJURY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION MADE BEFORE
29 AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2002.

