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By: **Delegate Glassman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Slates - Transfers - Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the transfers allowed between a slate and  
4 each campaign finance entity of its members; providing an exception to the  
5 limitation on the amount of transfers allowed by a slate to the campaign finance  
6 entities of members of the slate under certain circumstances; and generally  
7 relating to limitations on the amount of the transfers that may be made by a  
8 slate and the members of the slate.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Election Law  
11 Section 13-227  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 13-227.

18 (a) In this section, a "campaign finance entity" includes a nonfederal  
19 out-of-state political committee.

20 (b) The limit on transfers set forth in subsection (c) of this section does not  
21 apply to a transfer:

22 (1) by a campaign finance entity to a ballot issue committee;

23 (2) between or among:

24 (i) political committees that are State or local central committees  
25 of the same political party; AND

26 (ii) [a slate and the campaign finance entities of its members; and

1 (iii)] the campaign finance entities of a candidate.

2 (c) (1) [During] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
3 SUBSECTION, DURING an election cycle, a campaign finance entity may not directly or  
4 indirectly make transfers in a cumulative amount of more than \$6,000 to any one  
5 other campaign finance entity.

6 (2) (I) DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, CUMULATIVE TRANSFERS IN  
7 EXCESS OF \$25,000 MAY NOT BE MADE BETWEEN A SLATE AND EACH CAMPAIGN  
8 FINANCE ENTITY OF THE SLATE'S MEMBERS.

9 (II) A TRANSFER FROM A SLATE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
10 ENTITY OF A MEMBER OF THE SLATE MAY EXCEED THE LIMITATION UNDER  
11 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WHEN THE SLATE IS TERMINATED AND THE  
12 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT OF THE SLATE IS CLOSED.

13 (d) (1) All affiliated campaign finance entities are treated as a single entity  
14 in determining:

15 (i) the amount of transfers made by a campaign finance entity; and

16 (ii) the amount of transfers received by a campaign finance entity.

17 (2) Campaign finance entities are deemed to be affiliated if they:

18 (i) are organized and operated in coordination and cooperation  
19 with each other; or

20 (ii) otherwise conduct their operations and make their decisions  
21 relating to transfers and other contributions under the control of the same individual  
22 or entity.

23 (e) The limit on transfers to the campaign finance entities of a candidate  
24 prescribed in subsection (c) of this section applies regardless of the number of offices  
25 sought by the candidate.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
27 effect October 1, 2005.