

HOUSE BILL 1361

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Cosponsors of Legislation – Notification of Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a primary sponsor of a bill to notify each cosponsor of
4 the bill, under certain circumstances, that the bill has been altered; requiring
5 the primary sponsor to disclose to the cosponsor the content of the alteration;
6 requiring a committee of the General Assembly that amends a bill to provide
7 certain information to the primary sponsor of the bill at a certain time; and
8 generally relating to notifying cosponsors of legislation of alterations to the
9 legislation.

10 BY renumbering

11 Article – State Government
12 Section 2–1506
13 to be Section 2–1506.1
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – State Government
18 Section 2–1506
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2009 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2–1506 of Article – State Government of the Annotated
23 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2–1506.1.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
25 read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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Article – State Government2 **2-1506.**

3 **(A) IF A BILL IS ALTERED AT ANY TIME, EITHER BY AMENDMENT OR**
4 **OTHER METHOD, THE PRIMARY SPONSOR SHALL:**

5 **(1) NOTIFY EACH COSPONSOR OF THE BILL THAT THE BILL HAS**
6 **BEEN ALTERED; AND**

7 **(2) DISCLOSE THE CONTENT OF THE ALTERATION TO EACH**
8 **COSPONSOR.**

9 **(B) (1) IF A BILL IS AMENDED BY A COMMITTEE, AT LEAST 24 HOURS**
10 **BEFORE THE BILL AND THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS ARE REPORTED TO THE**
11 **FLOOR OF THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF DELEGATES, THE COMMITTEE SHALL:**

12 **(I) NOTIFY THE PRIMARY SPONSOR OF THE BILL THAT THE**
13 **BILL HAS BEEN AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE; AND**

14 **(II) DISCLOSE TO THE PRIMARY SPONSOR THE CONTENT OF**
15 **THE AMENDMENT.**

16 **(2) ON RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER**
17 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PRIMARY SPONSOR OF THE BILL**
18 **SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
19 **SECTION.**

20 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
21 **October 1, 2010.**