

SENATE BILL 92

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)**

Requested: September 30, 2013

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: January 31, 2014

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics – Regulated Lobbyists – Ethics Training Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain regulated lobbyists complete a certain
4 initial and subsequent ethics training course provided by the State Ethics
5 Commission within a certain period of time; and generally relating to ethics
6 training requirements for regulated lobbyists.

7 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
8 ~~Article – State Government~~
9 ~~Section 15–205(e)~~
10 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
11 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

12 ~~BY adding to~~
13 ~~Article – State Government~~
14 ~~Section 15–703.1~~
15 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
16 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – General Provisions
19 Section 5–205(e)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2014)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section 5–704.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2014)

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

Article – ~~State Government~~ General Provisions

~~15–205.~~

~~(e) (1) [(i)] The Ethics Commission shall provide a training course for regulated lobbyists and prospective regulated lobbyists at least twice each year regarding the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relevant to regulated lobbyists. One such course shall be conducted in the month of January.~~

~~[(ii) A regulated lobbyist, other than the employer of a regulated lobbyist as described in § 15–701(a)(6) of this title, shall attend a training course provided under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at least once in any 2-year period during which a lobbyist has registered with the Ethics Commission.]~~

~~(2) At the time of a person's initial registration as a regulated lobbyist, the Ethics Commission shall provide the person with information relating to the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relevant to regulated lobbyists.~~

5–205.

(e) (1) (i) [1.] The Ethics Commission shall provide a training course for regulated lobbyists and prospective regulated lobbyists at least twice each year on the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relevant to regulated lobbyists.

[2.] (II) One training course shall be held each January.

[(ii) An individual regulated lobbyist, other than the employer of a regulated lobbyist as described in § 5–701(a)(6) of this title, shall attend a training course provided under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at least once in any 2-year period during which the lobbyist has registered with the Ethics Commission.]

1 (2) When a person initially registers as a regulated lobbyist, the
2 Ethics Commission shall provide the person with information on the provisions of the
3 Maryland Public Ethics Law relevant to regulated lobbyists.

4 ~~15-703.1.~~ 5-704.1.

5 A REGULATED LOBBYIST, OTHER THAN A REGULATED LOBBYIST
6 DESCRIBED IN § ~~15-701(A)(6)~~ 5-702(A)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL COMPLETE
7 THE TRAINING COURSE PROVIDED UNDER § ~~15-205(E)(1)~~ 5-205(E)(1) OF THIS
8 TITLE:

9 (1) (I) WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE REGULATED LOBBYIST'S
10 INITIAL REGISTRATION WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION; OR

11 (II) IF THE INITIAL REGISTRATION IS TERMINATED IN
12 ACCORDANCE WITH § ~~15-703(F)~~ 5-704(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE EARLIER THAN 6
13 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF REGISTRATION, BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT
14 REGISTRATION WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION; AND

15 (2) ON COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL TRAINING COURSE UNDER
16 ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION, WITHIN THE 2-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE DATE
17 OF THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAINING COURSE.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.