

# SENATE BILL 92

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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

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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

19 **Article – State Government**

20 15–205.

21 (e) (1) [(i)] The Ethics Commission shall provide a training course for  
22 regulated lobbyists and prospective regulated lobbyists at least twice each year

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 regarding the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relevant to regulated  
2 lobbyists. One such course shall be conducted in the month of January.

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

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

10 **15-703.1.**

11 **A REGULATED LOBBYIST, OTHER THAN A REGULATED LOBBYIST**  
12 **DESCRIBED IN § 15-701(A)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL COMPLETE THE**  
13 **TRAINING COURSE PROVIDED UNDER § 15-205(E)(1) OF THIS TITLE:**

14 **(1) (I) WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF INITIAL REGISTRATION WITH THE**  
15 **ETHICS COMMISSION; OR**

16 **(II) IF THE INITIAL REGISTRATION IS TERMINATED IN**  
17 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 15-703(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE EARLIER THAN 6 MONTHS**  
18 **AFTER THE DATE OF REGISTRATION, BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATION**  
19 **WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION; AND**

20 **(2) ON COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL TRAINING COURSE UNDER**  
21 **ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION, WITHIN THE 2-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE DATE**  
22 **OF THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAINING COURSE.**

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
24 **October 1, 2014.**