

HOUSE BILL 239

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Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Lawyers – Fees – Payment by Credit or Debit Card

FOR the purpose of requiring the Court of Appeals to allow an applicant to the Bar or a lawyer to use a credit or debit card to pay certain fees; authorizing the Court of Appeals to charge a processing fee not exceeding a certain amount; and generally relating to the payment of lawyer fees by credit or debit card.

BY adding to

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10–503

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

10–503.

(A) THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO THE BAR OR A LAWYER TO USE A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD TO PAY:

(1) AN EXAMINATION FEE OR ANY OTHER FEE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR; AND

(2) ANY ANNUAL FEE ASSESSED AGAINST A LAWYER.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(B) THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY CHARGE A PROCESSING FEE FOR EACH CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENT MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION NOT EXCEEDING THE ACTUAL COST INCURRED IN PROCESSING THE CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENT.

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