

HOUSE BILL 518

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By: **Delegates Carr, Cassilly, Fraser-Hidalgo, Lam, A. Miller, and S. Robinson**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics – Former Legislators – Lobbying**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a former member of the General Assembly from assisting
4 or representing another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of
5 legislative action until the later of the conclusion of the next regular session that
6 begins after the member leaves office or 6 months after the date that the campaign
7 finance entity of the member makes a transfer to another campaign committee; and
8 generally relating to public ethics, former legislators, and lobbying.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – General Provisions
11 Section 5–504(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Volume)

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

16 **Article – General Provisions**

17 5–504.

18 (d) (1) Except for a former member of the General Assembly, who shall be
19 subject to the restrictions provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a former official
20 or employee may not assist or represent a party, other than the State, in a case, a contract,
21 or any other specific matter for compensation if:

22 (i) the matter involves State government; and

23 (ii) the former official or employee participated significantly in the
24 matter as an official or employee.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, [until
2 the conclusion of the next regular session that begins after the member leaves office,] a
3 former member of the General Assembly may not assist or represent another party for
4 compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action **UNTIL THE LATER OF:**

5 **1. THE CONCLUSION OF THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION**
6 **THAT BEGINS AFTER THE MEMBER LEAVES OFFICE; OR**

7 **2. 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE THAT THE CAMPAIGN**
8 **FINANCE ENTITY OF THE MEMBER MAKES A TRANSFER TO ANOTHER CAMPAIGN**
9 **FINANCE ENTITY.**

10 (ii) The limitation under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph on
11 representation by a former member of the General Assembly does not apply to the former
12 member's representation of a municipal corporation, county, or State governmental entity.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2015.