

# HOUSE BILL 1788

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By: **Delegates Lam, Jones, and McIntosh**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics Law – Official Duties – Violations of Law**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an official or an employee from intentionally carrying out  
4 or neglecting an official duty or responsibility in a manner that violates certain  
5 statutes related to discrimination, hiring and termination, or holding office after an  
6 appointment or nomination under certain circumstances; making certain provisions  
7 of this Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; providing for the  
8 termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to abuse of office.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – General Provisions  
11 Section 5–506.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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 **5–506.1.**

18 **AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY CARRY OUT OR**  
19 **NEGLECT AN OFFICIAL DUTY OR RESPONSIBILITY IN A MANNER THAT VIOLATES:**

20 **(1) § 2–302 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE; OR**

21 **(2) TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 3A OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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7 **(2) TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 3A OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; OR**

8 **(3) § 17–109 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take  
10 effect June 1, 2018, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 687) of the Acts of  
11 the General Assembly of 2018 and if Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 687) does not become effective,  
12 Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null  
13 and void. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of  
14 no further force and effect.

15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of  
16 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2018.