

**Maryland General Assembly  
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulation  
State Ethics Commission  
(DLS Control No. 14-265)**

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**Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact**

This regulation updates statutory references to reflect the transfer of the Public Ethics Law to the new General Provisions Article from the State Government Article.

The regulation presents no legal issue of concern.

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

**Regulation of COMAR Affected**

**State Ethics Commission:**

Procedures: Enforcement Procedures: COMAR 19A.01.03.11

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**Legal Analysis**

**Background**

During the 2014 legislative session, the General Assembly passed HB 270 (Chapter 94), which adds a new article to the Maryland Annotated Code that includes the transferred provisions of the Public Ethics Law, effective October 1, 2014.

**Summary of Regulation**

The regulation updates citations to the Public Ethics Law in the new General Provisions Article, formerly located in the State Government Article.

**Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent**

The commission cites §§ 5-206, 5-401, 5-408, and 5-901 through 5-904 of the General Provisions Article as statutory authority for the regulation. More specifically, § 15-206 of the State Government Article authorizes the commission to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the Public Ethics Law. This authority is correct and complete. The regulation complies with the legislative intent of the law.

## **Fiscal Analysis**

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

### **Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact**

The commission advises that the regulation has minimal or no impact on State or local governments. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

### **Impact on Budget**

There is no impact on the State operating or capital budget.

### **Agency Estimate of Projected Small Business Impact**

The commission advises that the regulation has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in the State. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

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