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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Lobbyists - Solicitation of Political Contributions - Restrictions

- 3 FOR the purpose of expanding the prohibition against lobbyists soliciting or transmitting
- 4 certain contributions to include the campaigns of incumbents in, or candidates for
- 5 election to, the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, or Attorney
- 6 General; prohibiting certain lobbyists from serving on a fund-raising or political
- 7 committee; and generally relating to restrictions on certain fund-raising activities by
- 8 lobbyists.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article 33 Election Code
- 11 Section 26-3(a)(4)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article State Government
- 16 Section 15-707
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (1995 Replacement Volume)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1	Article 33 - Election Code
2	26-3.
3	(a) (4) (i) 1. In this paragraph "lobbyist" means a regulated lobbyist who is described in § 15-701(a)(1), (2), or (3) of the State Government Article.
	2. A lobbyist, or a person acting on behalf of a lobbyist, may not organize or establish a political committee for the purpose of soliciting or transmitting contributions or transfers from any person to:
	A. AN INCUMBENT IN, OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO, THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER, OR ATTORNEY GENERAL; OR
11	B. a member or candidate for election to the General Assembly.
12	(ii) This paragraph may not be construed to prohibit a lobbyist from:
13	1. Being a candidate; or
14 15	2. Making a personal contribution within the limitations established under Article 33 of the Code.
16	Article - State Government
17	15-707.
18 19	(a) In this section, "candidate" and "political committee" have the meanings provided in Article 33, § 1-1(a) of the Code.
22	(b) This section applies only to a regulated lobbyist described in \$15-701(a)(1), (2), or (3) of this subtitle who, during the period specified in subsection (c) of this section and for the purpose of influencing legislative action OR EXECUTIVE ACTION, communicates with:
	(1) AN INCUMBENT IN, OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO, THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER, OR ATTORNEY GENERAL: OR
27	(2) a member of or candidate for election to the General Assembly.
	(c) The restrictions in this section apply from the starting date of the regulated lobbyist's registration to the end of the calendar year in which the registration period ends.
33 34	(d) (1) A regulated lobbyist who is subject to this section or a person acting on behalf of the regulated lobbyist may not, for the benefit of AN INCUMBENT IN, OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO, THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER, OR ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR a member of or candidate for election to the General Assembly:
36	(i) solicit or transmit a political contribution from any person,

37 including a political committee;

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1	(ii) serve on a fund-raising committee or a political committee; or
2	(iii) act as a treasurer or chairman of a political committee.
3	(2) This section does not prohibit a regulated lobbyist from:
4	(i) making a personal political contribution; or
5	(ii) informing any entity of a position taken by a candidate.
6 7 Octo	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ber 1, 1996.