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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **False Statements to Legislative Branch Units**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor for a person, in a matter within the
4 jurisdiction of a unit of the Legislative Branch of the State government, to
5 knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact, make a false, fictitious, or
6 fraudulent representation, or make or use a document that contains a false,
7 fictitious, or fraudulent representation; imposing a penalty for this offense; defining
8 a certain term; and generally relating to false statements to Legislative Branch units.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - State Government
11 Section 2-1703
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1995 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - State Government**

17 2-1703.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "UNIT" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OF
19 THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT:

20 (1) A STANDING COMMITTEE AS DEFINED IN § 2-101(F) OF THE STATE
21 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OR A SUBCOMMITTEE OF A STANDING COMMITTEE;

22 (2) A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY STATUTE OR A
23 SUBCOMMITTEE OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE;

24 (3) THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OR A SPECIAL COMMITTEE
25 APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE UNDER § 2-407(B)(3) OF THE
26 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; OR

27 (4) ANY OTHER TASK FORCE OR COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE
28 LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE HOUSE OR
29 SENATE.

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1 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO HEARINGS OF A UNIT THAT ARE
2 RECORDED.

3 (C) A PERSON MAY NOT, IN A MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF A UNIT,
4 KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY:

5 (1) FALSIFY OR CONCEAL A MATERIAL FACT;

6 (2) MAKE A FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION;
7 OR

8 (3) MAKE OR USE A DOCUMENT THAT CONTAINS A FALSE, FICTITIOUS,
9 OR FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION.

10 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
11 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,
12 IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR, OR BOTH.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 1996.