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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Law - Regulated Lobbyists - Employment as Political Consultants Prohibited**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a regulated lobbyist from ~~being engaged for~~
4 ~~compensation as a political consultant to a member of, or candidate for election to,~~
5 ~~the General Assembly serving for compensation as a political consultant to a~~
6 member of the General Assembly, or to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
7 Comptroller, or Attorney General, or candidate for election to the General
8 Assembly, or to the Office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, or
9 Attorney General, if the compensation is provided by certain persons.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - State Government
12 Section 15-706
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - State Government**

18 15-706.

19 (A) A regulated lobbyist may not be engaged for lobbying purposes for
20 compensation that is dependent in any manner on:

21 (1) (i) the enactment or defeat of legislation; or

22 (ii) any other contingency related to legislative action; or

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1 (2) (i) the outcome of any executive action relating to the solicitation or
2 securing of a procurement contract; or

3 (ii) any other contingency related to executive action.

4 (B) A REGULATED LOBBYIST MAY NOT ~~BE ENGAGED FOR COMPENSATION AS~~
5 ~~A POLITICAL CONSULTANT TO A MEMBER OF, OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO,~~
6 ~~THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SERVE FOR COMPENSATION AS A POLITICAL CONSULTANT~~
7 TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR TO THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT
8 GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER, OR ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR A CANDIDATE FOR
9 ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR,
10 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER, OR ATTORNEY GENERAL, IF THE
11 COMPENSATION IS PROVIDED BY:

12 (1) THE MEMBER, OFFICEHOLDER, OR CANDIDATE;

13 (2) A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE MEMBER, OFFICEHOLDER, OR
14 CANDIDATE; OR

15 (3) THE SLATE THAT INCLUDES THE MEMBER, OFFICEHOLDER, OR
16 CANDIDATE.

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