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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Contributions - International Terrorism**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, under certain circumstances, a person from making a  
4 contribution to an international terrorist organization; prohibiting, under certain  
5 circumstances, a person soliciting a contribution for an international terrorist  
6 organization; providing a penalty; defining certain terms; and generally relating to  
7 contributions and international terrorism.

8 BY adding to

9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
10 Section 42 to be under the new subheading, "Contributions - International  
11 Terrorism"  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

17 **CONTRIBUTIONS - INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

18 42.

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
20 INDICATED.

21 (2) "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THE GIFT, TRANSFER, OR PROMISE OF:

22 (I) MONEY;

23 (II) PROPERTY OR SERVICES AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 21  
24 OF THE CODE; OR

25 (III) ANY OTHER THING OF VALUE.

26 (3) "INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN  
27 ORGANIZATION THAT:

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1 (I) ORIGINATED AND IS PRIMARILY ACTIVE OUTSIDE THE UNITED  
2 STATES; AND

3 (II) USES INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVE A  
4 DESIRED POLITICAL OR SOCIAL OBJECTIVE.

5 (4) "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM" MEANS ACTIVITIES THAT:

6 (I) INVOLVE A VIOLENT ACT OR ACTS DANGEROUS TO HUMAN  
7 LIFE THAT WOULD BE A FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND IF  
8 COMMITTED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND; AND

9 (II) APPEAR TO BE INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A  
10 CIVILIAN POPULATION, INFLUENCE THE POLICY OF A GOVERNMENT BY  
11 INTIMIDATION OR COERCION, OR AFFECT THE CONDUCT OF GOVERNMENT BY  
12 ASSASSINATION OR KIDNAPING.

13 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT:

14 (1) SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS IF THE PERSON HAS ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE  
15 THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS SOLICITED ARE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST  
16 ORGANIZATION AND WILL BE USED FOR VIOLENT AND ILLEGAL ACTS OF  
17 INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM; OR

18 (2) MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IF THE PERSON HAS ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE  
19 THAT THE CONTRIBUTION IS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION  
20 AND WILL BE USED FOR VIOLENT AND ILLEGAL ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL  
21 TERRORISM.

22 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY  
23 OF A FELONY AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000  
24 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS, OR BOTH.

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