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**By: Senator Ferguson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lawyers - Written Solicitation of Clients - Cooling-Off Period**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a lawyer from sending a written communication, directly  
4 or through an agent, to a certain prospective client during a certain period of time;  
5 and generally relating to written solicitations by lawyers.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
8 Section 10-605.1  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

14 10-605.1.

15 A LAWYER MAY NOT SEND A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, DIRECTLY OR  
16 THROUGH AN AGENT, TO A PROSPECTIVE CLIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING  
17 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT IF THE COMMUNICATION:

18 (1) CONCERNS AN ACTION FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL  
19 DEATH, OR RELATES TO AN ACCIDENT OR DISASTER INVOLVING THE PERSON TO  
20 WHOM THE COMMUNICATION IS ADDRESSED OR THE PERSON'S RELATIVE; AND

21 (2) IS MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT OR DISASTER  
22 OCCURRED.

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