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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Law - Members of the General Assembly - Financial Disclosure Statements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the dates and reporting periods for which members of the
4 General Assembly are required to file certain statements with the State Ethics
5 Commission; altering the reporting period for which individuals who are appointed
6 to fill vacancies as members of the General Assembly are required to file certain
7 statements; altering the reporting period for which members of the General
8 Assembly who leave office are required to file certain statements; and generally
9 relating to statements filed by members of the General Assembly with the State
10 Ethics Commission.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - State Government
13 Section 15-602, 15-603, and 15-604
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article - State Government
18 Section 15-704(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - State Government**

24 15-602.

25 (A) Except as PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION OR AS otherwise
26 provided in this subtitle, a statement filed under this section or §§ 15-603 through 15-605
27 of this subtitle shall:

28 (1) be filed with the Ethics Commission;

29 (2) be filed under oath;

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1 (3) be filed on or before April 30 of each year;

2 (4) cover the calendar year immediately preceding the year of filing; and

3 (5) contain the information required in § 15-607 of this subtitle.

4 (B) A STATEMENT FILED BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER
5 THIS SECTION OR §§ 15-603 AND 15-604 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE FILED ON OR
6 BEFORE:

7 (1) MAY 31 OF EACH YEAR, TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1
8 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR THROUGH APRIL 30 OF THE CURRENT YEAR; AND

9 (2) NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR, TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1
10 THROUGH OCTOBER 31 OF THAT YEAR.

11 15-603.

12 An individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an office for which a statement is
13 required by § 15-601(a) of this subtitle, and who has not already filed a statement under
14 § 15-602(A) of this subtitle for the preceding calendar year, OR UNDER § 15-602(B) OF
15 THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE PRECEDING 6-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD, shall file the
16 statement within 30 days after appointment.

17 15-604.

18 (a) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, an individual who,
19 other than by reason of death, leaves an office for which a statement is required by §
20 15-601(a) of this subtitle shall file the statement within 60 days after leaving the office.

21 (b) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
22 SUBSECTION, THE statement shall cover:

23 [(1)] (I) the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the
24 individual left office, unless a statement covering that year has already been filed by the
25 individual; and

26 [(2)] (II) the portion of the current calendar year during which the
27 individual held the office.

28 (2) THE STATEMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO,
29 OTHER THAN BY REASON OF DEATH, LEAVES OFFICE SHALL COVER:

30 (I) THE 6-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD PROVIDED UNDER §
31 15-602(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT IS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE 6-MONTH
32 REPORTING PERIOD IN WHICH THE MEMBER LEFT OFFICE, UNLESS A STATEMENT
33 COVERING THAT 6-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD HAS ALREADY BEEN FILED BY THE
34 INDIVIDUAL; AND

35 (II) THE PORTION OF THE CURRENT 6-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD
36 DURING WHICH THE MEMBER HELD THE OFFICE.

37 (c) This section does not require the filing of a statement if:

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1 (1) the individual has left office to become an official in another office for
2 which a statement is required under this subtitle; and

3 (2) the disclosure requirements of the new office are at least as extensive as
4 those of the old office.

5 15-704.

6 (a) (1) A regulated lobbyist shall file with the Ethics Commission, under oath
7 and for each registration, a separate report concerning the regulated lobbyist's lobbying
8 activities:

9 (i) by May 31 of each year, to cover the period from November 1 of
10 the previous year through April 30 of the current year; and

11 (ii) by November 30 of each year, to cover the period from May 1
12 through October 31 of that year.

13 (2) If the regulated lobbyist is not an individual, an authorized officer or
14 agent of the regulated lobbyist shall sign the report.

15 (3) If a prorated amount is reported as compensation, it shall be labeled as
16 prorated.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 1997.