
By: Senator Munson

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly - Immunity - Constituent Activities and Communications**

3 FOR the purpose of conferring immunity from civil liability on members of the General
4 Assembly and individuals who are on the staff of members when a member or an
5 individual provides a service for a constituent or makes a communication on behalf
6 of a constituent; and generally relating to the General Assembly.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 2-1802
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - State Government**

15 2-1802.

16 A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON THE
17 STAFF OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ANY
18 ACT OR OMISSION WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PUBLIC DUTIES OF THE MEMBER
19 WHEN THE MEMBER OR INDIVIDUAL:

20 (1) FOR A CONSTITUENT, PROVIDES A SERVICE, INCLUDING
21 INTERVENTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BUSINESS THAT SEEKS TO SUBMIT
22 A REQUEST, GRIEVANCE, OR OTHER MATTER WITH A GOVERNMENT UNIT; OR

23 (2) MAKES A COMMUNICATION ON BEHALF OF A CONSTITUENT.

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