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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sports Agents - Contact with Local Athletes**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the applicability of the Maryland Sports Agents Act;  
4 providing that a person must be licensed in order to act as a sports agent for  
5 certain athletes in certain schools in this State regardless of whether the athlete  
6 is a resident of this State; expanding the requirement that a person must be  
7 licensed as a sports agent prior to contacting certain athletes to include  
8 contacting the athletes while they are not within this State; and generally  
9 relating to sports agents' contact with local athletes.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Business Regulation

12 Section 4-401(c) and 4-407

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Business Regulation**

18 4-401.

19 (c) "Local athlete" means an individual who:

20 (1) [resides in the State; and

21 (2) (i) is or was a member of a sports team of an institution of higher  
22 education that is in the State and is part of a National Association for the Regulation  
23 of Intercollegiate Athletics; or

24 [(ii)] (2) is or was a member of a sports team of a high school in the  
25 State.

1 4-407.

2 (a) A person may not act as a sports agent in the State unless the person has  
3 a license.

4 (b) A sports agent may not contact, directly or indirectly, a local athlete [while  
5 the local athlete is in the state] unless the sports agent has a license.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 1998.