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1 AN ACT concerning

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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 by altering the
- 9 <u>definition "local athlete"</u>; and generally relating to sports agents' contact with
- 10 <u>agents and</u> local athletes.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 12 Article Business Regulation
- 13 Section 4-401(c) and 4-407
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

- 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article - Business Regulation

19 4-401.

- 20 (c) "Local athlete" means an individual who:
- 21 (1) [resides in the State; and

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1(2)(i)]is or was a member of a sports team of an institution of higher2education that is in the State and is part of a National Association for the Regulation3of Intercollegiate Athletics; or

4 [(ii)] (2) is or was a member of a sports team of a high school in the 5 State.

6 4 407.

7 (a) A person may not act as a sports agent in the State unless the person has 8 a license.

9 (b) A sports agent may not contact, directly or indirectly, a local athlete [while 10 the local athlete is in the state] unless the sports agent has a license.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 12 October 1, 1998.