
By: **Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee**
(Departmental - Ethics, State Commission on)

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Confidentiality and Notice Requirements - Lobbyist Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain notification and confidentiality procedures
4 apply to certain lobbyist reports required under the Maryland Public Ethics
5 Law.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - State Government
8 Section 15-705(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - State Government**

14 15-705.

15 (b) (1) If a report under [§ 15-704(b)(4)] § 15-704 of this subtitle contains
16 the name of an official or employee in the Executive or Legislative Branch or the
17 name of a member of the official's or employee's immediate family, the Ethics
18 Commission shall:

19 (i) notify the official or employee within 30 days of receipt of the
20 report by the Ethics Commission; and

- 1 (ii) keep the report confidential for 60 days after its receipt.
- 2 (2) Within 30 days after receiving the notice, the official or employee
3 may submit a written exception to the inclusion in the report of the name of the
4 official, employee, or member of the official's or employee's immediate family.

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