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

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 1998
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics - Lobbyists - Disclosure of Gifts to Officials and Employees**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring disclosure by regulated lobbyists of certain gifts to
4 officials and employees by a certain date under certain circumstances; providing
5 for certain exceptions; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
6 relating to lobbyist disclosure under the Public Ethics Law.

7 BY renumbering
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 15-704(g)
10 to be Section 15-704(h)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article - State Government
15 Section 15-704(g)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-704(g) of Article - State Government of the
20 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 15-704(h).

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
22 read as follows:

23 **Article - State Government**

24 15-704.

25 (G) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS
26 SECTION, A REGULATED LOBBYIST SHALL FILE A REPORT IDENTIFYING THE NAME

1 OF ANY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RECEIVED A GIFT OR GIFTS AS OF
2 DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE TO BE
3 NAMED ON THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT DUE BY THE FOLLOWING MAY 31.

4 (2) THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE FILED NO
5 LATER THAN JANUARY 31 EACH YEAR FOR THE PRECEDING NOVEMBER AND
6 DECEMBER AND SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS
7 SECTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF GIFTS TO NAMED INDIVIDUALS.

8 (3) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION NEED NOT BE
9 FILED IF THERE WERE NO GIFTS GIVEN BY THE REGULATED LOBBYIST TO AN
10 OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE THAT MEET THE CRITERIA OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
11 SUBSECTION.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
13 effect November 1, 1998.