

SENATE BILL 552

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By: **Senator Fry**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Code - Prohibition of Contributions by Foreign Nationals**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a foreign national from directly or indirectly making
4 a campaign contribution or transfer to a candidate, treasurer, or political
5 committee; prohibiting a candidate, treasurer, or political committee from
6 soliciting, accepting, or receiving a contribution or transfer made directly or
7 indirectly by a foreign national; and generally relating to campaign
8 contributions by foreign nationals.

9 BY adding to
10 Article 33 - Election Code
11 Section 26-9(h)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 33 - Election Code**

17 26-9.

18 (H) (1) A FOREIGN NATIONAL MAY NOT MAKE, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANY
19 PERSON, A CONTRIBUTION OR TRANSFER TO ANY CANDIDATE, TREASURER, OR
20 COMMITTEE.

21 (2) A CANDIDATE, TREASURER, OR COMMITTEE MAY NOT SOLICIT,
22 ACCEPT, OR RECEIVE A CONTRIBUTION OR TRANSFER THAT WOULD BE PROHIBITED
23 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 1998.