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By: **Senators Currie, Forehand, and McFadden (Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel - Payment of Wages - Direct Deposit**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Treasurer, on warrant of the State  
4 Comptroller, to pay a wage by direct deposit; providing that the payment of  
5 certain wages by direct deposit shall be made in accordance with regulations  
6 adopted by the State Treasurer, with the concurrence of the State Comptroller;  
7 providing that the State Treasurer may not require the payment of wages by  
8 direct deposit for certain employees; providing for guidance on the granting of  
9 exemptions; and generally relating to the payment of wages of State employees  
10 and officers.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
13 Section 2-405  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

19 2-405.

20 (A) IN ADDITION TO THE PAYMENT OF WAGES BY CASH OR CHECK, THE STATE  
21 TREASURER, ON WARRANT OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, MAY PAY A WAGE BY  
22 DIRECT DEPOSIT.

23 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
24 PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
25 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE TREASURER, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF  
26 THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

1 (C) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE TREASURER UNDER  
2 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION:

3 (1) MAY NOT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT  
4 FOR ANY EMPLOYEE HIRED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REGULATIONS;  
5 AND

6 (2) SHALL ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE TO REQUEST AN EXEMPTION TO THE  
7 PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT.

8 (D) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE  
9 STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM RELATING TO PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT  
10 SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN  
11 EXEMPTION TO PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT MAY BE GRANTED.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
13 effect October 1, 2000.