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

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CHAPTER _____

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 regulations adopted by the State Treasurer may not require the
8 payment of wages by direct deposit for certain employees; ~~providing for guidance~~
9 ~~on the granting of exemptions~~; and generally relating to the payment of wages of
10 State employees 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.

1 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE
2 PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
3 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE TREASURER, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF
4 THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

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

7 (1) MAY NOT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT
8 FOR ANY EMPLOYEE ~~Hired prior to the effective date of the regulations;~~
9 ~~AND~~

10 (2) ~~SHALL ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE TO REQUEST AN EXEMPTION TO THE~~
11 ~~PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT WHO:~~

12 (1) IS HIRED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REGULATIONS; OR

13 (2) REQUESTS AN EXEMPTION TO THE PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT
14 DEPOSIT.

15 ~~(D) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE~~
16 ~~STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM RELATING TO PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT~~
17 ~~SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN~~
18 ~~EXEMPTION TO PAYMENT OF WAGES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT MAY BE GRANTED.~~

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