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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics to consider the adoption of certain rules relating to purchases from regulated lobbyists;”.

On page 2, in line 35, after “Section” insert “2-707,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 7, insert:

“2-707.

(a) (1) The Committee may propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules of legislative ethics.

(2) Changes to the rules shall be presented in the form of a joint resolution and shall become effective after adoption of the joint resolution by a constitutional majority of each house voting separately.

(3) Before presenting a change to the rules, the Committee shall conduct a public hearing.

(4) THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RULES TO FACILITATE THE VERIFICATION OF ANY PURCHASE FROM A REGULATED LOBBYIST OF MEALS, TICKETS, OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH, IF RECEIVED WITHOUT A BONA FIDE PURCHASE, WOULD CONSTITUTE A GIFT PROHIBITED UNDER TITLE 15 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(Over)

(b) The rules may supplement but may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law that relate to members of the General Assembly.

(c) The rules are effective whether or not the General Assembly is in session and shall be binding on each member of the General Assembly.”