

HOUSE BILL 108

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

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2001  
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics - Local Officials - Offices of Sheriffs and State's Attorneys**

3 FOR the purpose of including in the definition of local official in the public ethics laws  
4 certain employees of the offices of the sheriffs and State's Attorneys in the  
5 counties and Baltimore City; providing for certain exceptions; and generally  
6 relating to the application of public ethics laws to local officials in the offices of  
7 sheriffs and State's Attorneys.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - State Government  
10 Section 15-102(y)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Government**

16 15-102.

17 (y) (1) "Local official", subject to § 15-807 of this title, means an official,  
18 officer, or employee of a county or municipal corporation that the governing body of  
19 the county or municipal corporation determines is subject to Subtitle 8, Part I of this  
20 title.

21 (2) "Local official", subject to § 15-807 of this title, includes each member  
22 and employee of a board of license commissioners that the applicable governing body  
23 determines is subject to Subtitle 8, Part I of this title.

24 (3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "LOCAL  
25 OFFICIAL" INCLUDES DEPUTY SHERIFFS, DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT STATE'S  
26 ATTORNEYS, AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND THE  
27 OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY IN EACH COUNTY.

1 (II) "LOCAL OFFICIAL" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

2 1. A STATE OFFICIAL PERFORMING DUTIES IN AN OFFICE OF  
3 THE SHERIFF OR OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY IN A COUNTY; OR

4 2. IN BALTIMORE CITY, DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND OTHER  
5 EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF THAT ARE EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE  
6 PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2001.