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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Real Estate Brokers - Deposit of Trust Money**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a real estate broker to deposit trust money within a
4 certain time in an account that is maintained by the real estate broker; and
5 generally relating to real estate brokers and trust money.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
8 Section 17-502
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

14 17-502.

15 (a) An associate real estate broker or a real estate salesperson who obtains
16 trust money while providing real estate brokerage services promptly shall submit the
17 trust money to the real estate broker on whose behalf the associate real estate broker
18 or the real estate salesperson provided the real estate brokerage services.

19 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, a real
20 estate broker [promptly] WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS shall deposit trust money in an
21 account that is maintained by the real estate broker:

22 (i) separately from the real estate broker's own accounts; and

23 (ii) solely for trust money.

24 (2) A real estate broker may not use trust money for any purpose other
25 than that for which it is entrusted to the real estate broker.

1 (c) Subsection (b)(1) of this section does not apply if the real estate broker
2 receives written directions to the contrary as authorized under § 17-505(c) of this
3 subtitle.

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