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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Law - Purchases by Legislators From Lobbyists**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics to develop
4 rules of legislative ethics relating to disclosure of purchases by legislators from
5 regulated lobbyists of tickets, meals, or other items that could not be accepted as
6 gifts under the Ethics Law.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 2-707
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - State Government**

15 2-707.

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

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

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

23 (B) THE RULES SHALL INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT REQUIRES MEMBERS OF
24 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCLOSE AND VERIFY ANY PURCHASE FROM A
25 REGULATED LOBBYIST OF A SPORTS TICKET, MEAL, OR OTHER ITEM THAT, IF
26 RECEIVED WITHOUT BONA FIDE PURCHASE, WOULD CONSTITUTE A PROHIBITED
27 GIFT UNDER § 15-505 OF THIS TITLE.

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

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

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