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By: **Delegate Kagan**  
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics - Registration as a "Regulated Lobbyist"**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements for registration with the Ethics  
4 Commission as a "regulated lobbyist"; and generally relating to requirements for  
5 registration as a "regulated lobbyist".

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - State Government  
8 Section 15-701(a)(1)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - State Government**

14 15-701.

15 (a) Unless exempted under subsection (b) of this section, an entity shall  
16 register with the Ethics Commission as provided in this subtitle, and shall be a  
17 "regulated lobbyist" for the purposes of this title, if, during a reporting period, the  
18 entity:

19 (1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative action or, as to the  
20 development or adoption of regulations or the development or issuance of an executive  
21 order, executive action:

22 (i) 1. communicates with an official or employee of the  
23 Legislative Branch or Executive Branch in the presence of that official or employee;  
24 and

25 2. exclusive of the personal travel or subsistence expenses of  
26 the entity or a representative of the entity, incurs expenses of at least [~~\$100~~] \$500 or  
27 earns at least [~~\$500~~] \$1,000 as compensation; or

1 (ii) 1. communicates with an official or employee of the  
2 Legislative Branch or Executive Branch; and

3 2. earns at least \$5,000 as compensation;

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
5 effect October 1, 2002.