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## A BILL ENTITLED

## 1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Lawyers - Prohibited Acts - Offers of Employment to Judges

- 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a lawyer from offering or discussing certain offers of
- 4 employment to certain judges in certain circumstances; and generally relating to
- 5 offers of employment to judges by lawyers.
- 6 BY adding to
- 7 Article Business Occupations and Professions
- 8 Section 10-605.3
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2000 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 Business Occupations and Professions
- 14 10-605.3.
- 15 A LAWYER MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OFFER EMPLOYMENT TO OR
- 16 DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE LAWYER, OR BY A LAW FIRM
- 17 WITH WHICH THE LAWYER IS ASSOCIATED, WITH ANY JUDGE OF A COURT IF THE
- 18 JUDGE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO, OR IS CURRENTLY PRESIDING OVER, ANY CASE IN
- 19 WHICH THE LAWYER OR A LAW FIRM WITH WHICH THE LAWYER IS ASSOCIATED HAS
- 20 ENTERED AN APPEARANCE OR HAS A FINANCIAL INTEREST.
- 21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 22 October 1, 2002.