

SENATE BILL 218

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics - Lobbyists - Public Official Only as Member of a Board**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a regulated lobbyist who becomes subject to  
4 certain provisions of the Ethics Law as an official or an employee is not required  
5 to terminate the lobbyist registration if the individual is a public official only as  
6 a member of a board; providing for review by the State Ethics Commission; and  
7 generally relating to lobbyist regulation.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - State Government  
10 Section 15-703(f)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 15-703.

17 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each  
18 registration shall terminate on the earlier of:

19 (i) the October 31 following the filing of the registration; or

20 (ii) an earlier termination date specified in an authorization filed  
21 with respect to that registration under § 15-702 of this subtitle.

22 (2) A regulated lobbyist may terminate the registration before the date  
23 specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection by:

24 (i) ceasing all activity that requires registration; and

1 (ii) after ceasing activity in accordance with item (i) of this  
2 paragraph:

3 1. filing a notice of termination with the Ethics Commission;  
4 and

5 2. filing all reports required by this subtitle within 30 days  
6 after the filing of the notice of termination.

7 (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if a  
8 regulated lobbyist is or becomes subject to regulation under this title as an official or  
9 employee, the regulated lobbyist shall immediately terminate the registration in  
10 accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection.

11 (ii) SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION,  
12 [Subparagraph (i)] SUBPARAGRAPH (I) of this paragraph does not apply to a  
13 regulated lobbyist WHO IS:

14 1. appointed to an advisory governmental body of limited  
15 duration; OR

16 2. A PUBLIC OFFICIAL ONLY AS A MEMBER OF A BOARD.

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