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By: **Senators Teitelbaum, Blount, Collins, Conway, Currie, Dyson, Kelley,  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Notaries Public - Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a notary public complete certain continuing  
4 education requirements; establishing that after a certain date a notary must  
5 have completed certain records checks and taken certain courses; and generally  
6 relating to notary public qualifications.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - State Government  
9 Section 18-102  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 18-102.

16 (A) Each individual appointed as a notary public shall:

- 17 (1) be at least 18 years old;
- 18 (2) be of good moral character and integrity;
- 19 (3) live or work in the State;
- 20 (4) if living in the State, be a resident of the senatorial district from  
21 which appointed; [and]

22 (5) if living outside the State, be a resident of a state that allows  
23 Maryland residents working in that state to serve as notaries public in that state;

24 AND

1           (6)     MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AS ESTABLISHED  
2 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

3     (B)     EACH INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS A NOTARY ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1,  
4 2002 SHALL:

5           (1)     HAVE COMPLETED A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK; AND

6           (2)     HAVE COMPLETED A NOTARY EDUCATION COURSE:

7                 (I)     OFFERED AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

8                 (II)    OFFERED BY A PROFESSIONAL NOTARY ASSOCIATION; OR

9                 (III)   APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

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