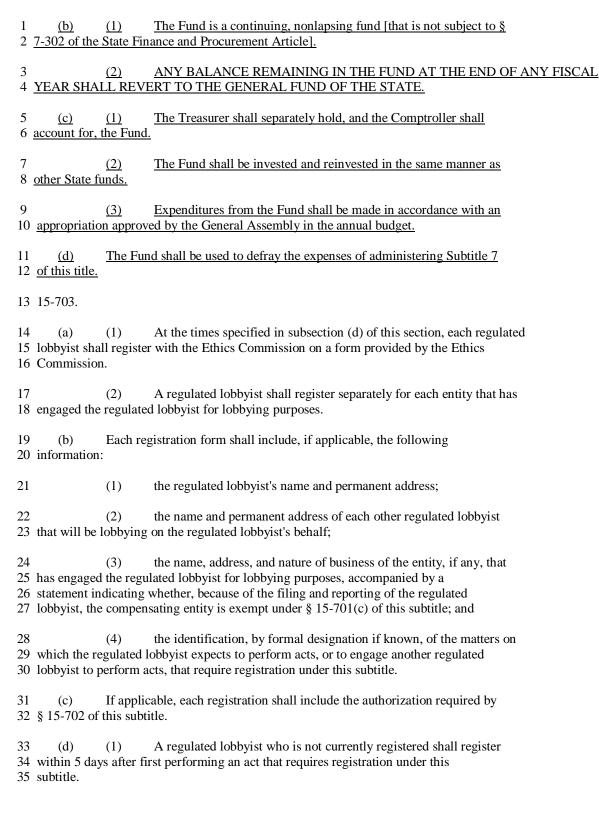
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By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Ethics, State Commission on) Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2003 Assigned to: Environmental Matters						
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CHAPTER						
1 AN ACT concerning						
Regulated Lobbyists - Registration Fee - Increase  Lobbyist Registration Fund - Registration Fees and Reversion of Unused <u>Funds</u>						
5 FOR the purpose of altering the registration fee for certain lobbyists required to 6 register with the State Ethics Commission; requiring that any unused balance 7 in the Lobbyist Registration Fund at the end of any fiscal year revert to the 8 General Fund of the State; and generally relating to the Lobbyist Registration 9 Fund.						
10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 11 Article - State Government 12 Section 15-210 and 15-703 13 Annotated Code of Maryland 14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)						
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:						
17 Article - State Government						
18 <u>15-210.</u>						
19 (a) (1) There is a Lobbyist Registration Fund.						
20 <u>(2)</u> The Fund includes all fees collected under Subtitle 7 of this title.						



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	(2) A regulated lobbyist shall file a new registration form on or before November 1 of each year if, on that date, the regulated lobbyist is engaged in lobbying.						
4	(e)	(1)	Each registration form shall be accompanied by a fee of [\$20] \$50.				
5 6	established u	(2) inder § 15	The fee shall be credited to the Lobbyist Registration Fund der § 15-210 of this title.				
7 8	(f) registration s	(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each gistration shall terminate on the earlier of:					
9			(i)	the Octo	tober 31 following the filing of the registration; or		
10 11	with respect	to that re	(ii) egistration		ier termination date specified in an authorization filed § 15-702 of this subtitle.		
12 13	2 (2) A regulated lobbyist may terminate the registration before the date 3 specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection by:						
14			(i)	ceasing	g all activity that requires registration; and		
15 16	paragraph:		(ii)	after cea	easing activity in accordance with item (i) of this		
17 18	and			1.	filing a notice of termination with the Ethics Commission;		
19 20	after the fili	ng of the	notice of	2. terminat	filing all reports required by this subtitle within 30 days ation.		
23	1 (3) (i) Subject to subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, if a 2 regulated lobbyist is or becomes subject to regulation under this title as an official or 3 employee, the regulated lobbyist shall immediately terminate the registration in 4 accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection.						
	After holding a public hearing, the Ethics Commission shall adopt regulations establishing criteria under which a regulated lobbyist may serve on a State board or commission.						
28 29	paragraph sl	nall:	(iii)	The reg	gulations adopted under subparagraph (ii) of this		
30 31	on which re	gulated lo	obbyists n	1. nay serve	establish a classification of State boards or commissions we;		
32 33	an appointed	d member	of an ad	2. visory go	at a minimum authorize a regulated lobbyist to serve as governmental body of limited duration; and		

- 1 3. establish disclosure requirements for a regulated lobbyist 2 who serves on a board or commission under this paragraph, that are substantially 3 similar to disclosure requirements for members of the General Assembly.

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 4
- 5 effect October 1, 2003.