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By: **Senator Pinsky**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Prohibited Acts - Walk-Around Services - Application**

3 FOR the purpose of making applicable to any person, rather than only a campaign  
4 finance entity or a person acting on its behalf, a certain prohibition against  
5 making certain payments or incurring certain obligations for a political  
6 endorsement or walk-around services; and generally relating to the application  
7 of the prohibition under the State election law against the making of certain  
8 payments for a political endorsement or walk-around services.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Election Law  
11 Section 13-245  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2003 Volume)

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

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 13-245.

18 (a) In this section, "walk-around services" means the following activities if  
19 performed for money while the polls are open:

- 20 (1) distributing campaign material;
- 21 (2) stationing a person, including oneself, or an object in the path of a  
22 voter;
- 23 (3) electioneering or canvassing as described in § 16-206 of this article;
- 24 (4) communicating in any other manner a voting preference or choice; or
- 25 (5) performing any other service as a poll worker or distributor of sample  
26 ballots.

1 (b) This section does not apply to:

- 2 (1) meals, beverages, and refreshments served to campaign workers;
- 3 (2) salaries of regularly employed personnel in campaign headquarters;
- 4 (3) media advertising, including newspaper, radio, television, billboard,  
5 or aerial advertising;
- 6 (4) rent and regular office expenses; or
- 7 (5) the cost of telephoning voters or transporting voters to and from  
8 polling places.

9 (c) A [campaign finance entity, or a person acting on its behalf,] PERSON may  
10 not at any time, directly or indirectly, pay or incur an obligation to pay, and a person  
11 may not, directly or indirectly, receive any money or thing of value, for:

- 12 (1) a political endorsement; or
- 13 (2) walk-around services.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2003.