

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 204

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Charging” insert “- False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Representations to Legislative Branch Units”; in line 10, after “statements;” insert “prohibiting a person, in a matter within the jurisdiction of a Legislative Branch unit, from falsifying or concealing a material fact or making or using a false, fictitious, or fraudulent representation under certain circumstances; providing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; defining a certain term;”; in line 11, after “statements” insert “and false, fictitious, or fraudulent representations to Legislative Branch units”; and after line 16, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 2-1703

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 37, insert:

“Article - State Government

2-1703.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “UNIT” MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT:

(1) A STANDING COMMITTEE AS DEFINED IN § 2-101(F) OF THIS TITLE OR A SUBCOMMITTEE OF A STANDING COMMITTEE;

(Over)

(2) A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY STATUTE OR A SUBCOMMITTEE OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE;

(3) THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OR A SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE UNDER § 2-407(B)(3) OF THIS TITLE; OR

(4) ANY OTHER TASK FORCE OR COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO HEARINGS OR OTHER PROCEEDINGS OF A UNIT THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED BY THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE.

(C) A PERSON MAY NOT, IN A MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF A UNIT, KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY:

(1) FALSIFY OR CONCEAL A MATERIAL FACT;

(2) MAKE A FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION;

OR

(3) MAKE OR USE A DOCUMENT THAT CONTAINS A FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION.

(D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.”.