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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consular Registration Cards - Acceptance as Proof of Identity - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a unit of State government, a political subdivision of
4 the State, or a person doing business in the State from accepting as proof of
5 identity a certain consular registration card issued by a foreign government to
6 one of its nationals living in the United States unless the card is accompanied by
7 a valid visa or Permanent Resident Card issued by the United States; and
8 generally related to the prohibition against accepting a consular registration
9 card as proof of identity.

10 BY adding to

11 Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation

12 Section 34

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation**

18 34.

19 UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A VALID VISA OR PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD
20 ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES, A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, A POLITICAL
21 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR A PERSON DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE MAY NOT
22 ACCEPT AS PROOF OF IDENTITY A CONSULAR REGISTRATION CARD ISSUED BY A
23 FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO ONE OF ITS NATIONALS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2004.