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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employees - Public Disclosures - Conflicts of Interest**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to designate certain employees in the
4 executive unit to disclose certain information; and generally relating to public
5 disclosure of conflicts of interest by employees in the executive unit.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - State Government
8 Section 15-611
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - State Government**

14 15-611.

15 (a) Additional individuals, other than officials, shall disclose information
16 annually if designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

17 (b) For disclosure under this section:

18 (1) the Governor, by executive order, may designate:

19 (i) an employee of an executive unit; or

20 (ii) a noncompensated appointee of the Governor;

21 (2) the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, by order, may designate:

22 (i) an employee of the Judicial Branch; or

23 (ii) a noncompensated appointee of the Court of Appeals or the
24 Chief Judge; and

1 (3) the presiding officers of the General Assembly, by order, may
2 designate:

3 (i) an employee of the Legislative Branch; or

4 (ii) a noncompensated appointee of either or both of the presiding
5 officers.

6 (c) A statement filed under this section is a public record and shall contain the
7 relevant information concerning the financial affairs of the individual submitting the
8 statement that is considered necessary by the applicable designating authority.

9 (D) (1) IN COMPLYING WITH SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION, THE
10 GOVERNOR, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, SHALL DESIGNATE ANY EMPLOYEE OF AN
11 EXECUTIVE UNIT WHO IS:

12 (I) A HOME INSPECTOR OR LICENSED HOME INSPECTOR, UNDER §
13 16-101 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE;

14 (II) A BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL EMPLOYED BY
15 THE STATE;

16 (III) AN ACCREDITED INSPECTOR OF LEAD FOR THE DEPARTMENT
17 OF THE ENVIRONMENT UNDER § 6-818 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE; OR

18 (IV) AN ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIAN UNDER TITLE 11 OF THE
19 ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

20 (2) AN EMPLOYEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
21 FILE A STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15-601 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THAT:

22 (I) DISCLOSES ANY INTEREST THE EMPLOYEE MAY HAVE IN ANY
23 REAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE; AND

24 (II) DISCLOSES ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE ETHICS
25 COMMISSION CONSIDERS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT
26 OF THE EMPLOYEE.

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