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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Representations to Legislative Branch Units**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person, in a matter within the jurisdiction of a  
4 Legislative Branch unit, from falsifying or concealing a material fact or making  
5 or using a false, fictitious, or fraudulent representation under certain  
6 circumstances; providing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; defining a  
7 certain term; and generally relating to false, fictitious, or fraudulent  
8 representations to Legislative Branch units.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - State Government  
11 Section 2-1703  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - State Government**

17 2-1703.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "UNIT" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OF  
19 THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

14           (1)     FALSIFY OR CONCEAL A MATERIAL FACT;

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

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

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

21     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
22 effect October 1, 2005.