
By: **Allegany County Delegation**
 Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2006
 Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lawyers - Solicitation of Clients - Prohibition on Written Communications**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a lawyer from sending a written communication
 4 directly or through an agent to a prospective client for the purpose of obtaining
 5 professional employment if the written communication concerns a workers'
 6 compensation claim or otherwise relates to certain work-related accidents or
 7 disasters; providing for a certain exception; and generally relating to written
 8 solicitations by lawyers.

9 BY adding to
 10 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
 11 Section 10-605.3
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
 13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

17 10-605.3.

18 (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SENT BY
 19 A LAWYER TO A PROSPECTIVE CLIENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROSPECTIVE
 20 CLIENT.

21 (B) A LAWYER MAY NOT SEND A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION DIRECTLY OR
 22 THROUGH AN AGENT TO A PROSPECTIVE CLIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING
 23 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT IF THE COMMUNICATION CONCERNS A WORKERS'
 24 COMPENSATION CLAIM OR OTHERWISE RELATES TO A WORK-RELATED ACCIDENT
 25 OR DISASTER INVOLVING THE PERSON TO WHOM THE COMMUNICATION IS SENT OR
 26 THE PERSON'S RELATIVE.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 28 October 1, 2006.

