HOUSE BILL 454

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **State Real Estate Commission – Investigative Staff – Employment and**
3   **Payment**

4   FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that certain investigative staff of the
5   State Real Estate Commission be employed in accordance with the State
6   budget; requiring the Commission to pay certain investigative staff from the
7   State Real Estate Commission Fund, subject to certain conditions; providing
8   that certain investigative staff may not be subject to certain hiring moratoriums
9   or certain PIN eliminations; and generally relating to the employment and
10   payment of investigative staff of the State Real Estate Commission.

11   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12   Article – Business Occupations and Professions
13   Section 17–206(b)
14   Annotated Code of Maryland
15   (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

19   17–206.

20   (b)   **(1)**   The Commission[, in accordance with the State budget,] may
21   employ an investigative staff to conduct investigations.

22   **(2)   SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN THE STATE**
23   **REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2–106.3 OF THE**

1   **BUSINESS   REGULATION   ARTICLE,   THE   COMMISSION   SHALL   PAY**
2   **INVESTIGATIVE STAFF FROM THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FUND.**

3   **(3)   INVESTIGATIVE STAFF EMPLOYED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
4   **THIS SUBSECTION AND PAID UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY**
5   **NOT BE SUBJECT TO HIRING MORATORIUMS OR PIN ELIMINATIONS.**

6   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7   October 1, 2008.