

# HOUSE BILL 1563

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By: **Delegates Smigiel, Carter, and Schuler**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 13, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Attorneys – Direct Marketing Communications – Required Disclosure**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals, persons, and attorneys not  
4 authorized to practice law in the State to disclose conspicuously in certain direct  
5 marketing communications that the individual, person, or attorney is not  
6 authorized to practice law in the State; and generally relating to attorneys and  
7 direct marketing communications.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

10 Section 10–605.3

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

16 **10–605.3.**

17 **AN INDIVIDUAL, A PERSON, OR AN ATTORNEY NOT AUTHORIZED TO**  
18 **PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE SHALL DISCLOSE CONSPICUOUSLY IN ANY**  
19 **WRITTEN OR BROADCAST DIRECT MARKETING COMMUNICATION INTENDED TO**  
20 **SOLICIT PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL,**  
21 **PERSON, OR ATTORNEY IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2009.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

