

HOUSE BILL 725

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Finance – Contributions by Foreign Nationals**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a foreign national from making a contribution to a
4 campaign finance entity governed by the State election laws; defining a certain
5 term; and generally relating to prohibiting contributions by individuals defined
6 as foreign nationals.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 1–101(o), 13–225, and 13–226(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Election Law
14 Section 13–225.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Election Law**

20 1–101.

21 (o) (1) “Contribution” means the gift or transfer, or promise of gift or
22 transfer, of money or other thing of value to a campaign finance entity to promote or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 assist in the promotion of the success or defeat of a candidate, political party, or
2 question.

3 (2) "Contribution" includes proceeds from the sale of tickets to a
4 campaign fund-raising event.

5 13-225.

6 Except as otherwise provided by law, contributions may be made only in
7 accordance with this Part V of this subtitle.

8 **13-225.1.**

9 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FOREIGN NATIONAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL
10 WHO:

11 (1) WAS BORN OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED
12 STATES;

13 (2) IS A CITIZEN OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY; AND

14 (3) HAS NOT BECOME A NATURALIZED CITIZEN OF THE UNITED
15 STATES UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

16 (B) A FOREIGN NATIONAL MAY NOT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY
17 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE.

18 13-226.

19 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a person may not, either directly
20 or indirectly, in an election cycle make:

21 (1) aggregate contributions in excess of:

22 (i) \$4,000 to any one campaign finance entity; or

23 (ii) \$10,000 to all campaign finance entities; or

24 (2) a contribution of money in excess of \$100 except by check or credit
25 card.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 June 1, 2010.