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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Professional Boards - Transfer of Funds - Repayment

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing that the Governor may not transfer money from certain 4 professional funds to the General Fund of the State except under certain 5 circumstances; providing that the General Assembly may not authorize the 6 Governor to transfer money from certain professional funds to the General Fund 7 except under certain circumstances; allowing the General Assembly to authorize 8 the Governor to transfer money from certain professional funds to the General 9 Fund if the use of the money is restricted to certain purposes; requiring the 10 Governor, under certain circumstances, to include certain appropriations in the State budget for certain fiscal years to repay certain transfers from certain 11 12 funds; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the transfer of money 13 from certain professional funds.
- 14 BY adding to
- 15 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 16 Section 7–239
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2009 Replacement Volume)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 21 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 22 **7–239.**
- 23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROFESSIONAL FUND" MEANS A FUND OR
- 24 ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED TO RECEIVE FEES, DUES, OR OTHER PAYMENTS FROM

- 1 MEMBERS OF A PROFESSION AND DEDICATED FOR USE IN THE REGULATION OR
- 2 ACTIVITIES OF THE PROFESSION.
- 3 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION:
- 4 (1) THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT TRANSFER MONEY IN A 5 PROFESSIONAL FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE; AND
- 6 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE THE 7 GOVERNOR TO TRANSFER MONEY IN A PROFESSIONAL FUND TO THE GENERAL 8 FUND OF THE STATE.
- 9 (C) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO
 10 TRANSFER AND THE GOVERNOR MAY TRANSFER MONEY IN A PROFESSIONAL
 11 FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE IF THE MONEY TO BE
 12 TRANSFERRED IS RESTRICTED BY LAW TO A PURPOSE RELATED TO THE
 13 PROFESSION.
- 14 (D) IF DURING ANY FISCAL YEAR THE GOVERNOR TRANSFERS MONEY
 15 FROM A PROFESSIONAL FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE, THE
 16 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION TO REPAY THE MONEY IN THE
 17 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 19 June 1, 2010.