HOUSE BILL 1407

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By: Delegate Conaway

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Financial Institutions - Mortgage Loan Originators - Prohibited Acts

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person subject to regulation as a mortgage loan 4 originator from making a payment, threat, or promise to another person for a 5 certain purpose in connection with a residential mortgage loan; prohibiting a 6 person subject to regulation as a mortgage loan originator from making a 7 payment, threat, or promise to an appraiser of a property for a certain purpose 8 with respect to the value of the property; providing that a certain penalty 9 applies to a willful violation of the prohibited acts; and generally relating to the regulation of mortgage loan originators. 10

- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 12 Article Financial Institutions
- 13 Section 11–617
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)
- 16 BY adding to
- 17 Article Financial Institutions
- 18 Section 11–624
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)
- 21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 23 Article Financial Institutions
- 24 11–617.

Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this subtitle is guilty of a felony and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both.

4 **11-624.**

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A PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT:

- 6 (1) Make a payment, threat, or promise, directly or 7 Indirectly, to another person for the purpose of influencing the 8 Independent Judgment of the person in connection with a 9 Residential mortgage loan; or
- 10 (2) Make a payment, threat, or promise, directly or 11 Indirectly, to an appraiser of a property for the purpose of 12 Influencing the independent judgment of the appraiser with 13 Respect to the value of the property.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.