

# Chapter 52

(Senate Bill 290)

AN ACT concerning

## Financial Institutions – Savings Banks – Conversions

FOR the purpose of providing that a savings bank may convert to a capital stock commercial bank under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to adopt regulations governing the conversion of savings banks to capital stock commercial banks; establishing a certain fee for the conversion of a savings bank to a capital stock commercial bank; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to conversions of savings banks.

BY adding to

Article – Financial Institutions  
Section 2–108(a)(10) and 4–703  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

### Article – Financial Institutions

2–108.

(a) The Commissioner shall charge and collect, in advance, the following nonrefundable fees:

**(10) AN APPLICATION FEE FOR CONVERSION OF A SAVINGS BANK TO A CAPITAL STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK UNDER § 4–703 OF THIS ARTICLE.....\$5,000**

4–703.

**(A) A SAVINGS BANK MAY CONVERT TO A CAPITAL STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK WITH THE APPROVAL OF ITS MEMBERS AND THE COMMISSIONER.**

**(B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE CONVERSION OF SAVINGS BANKS TO CAPITAL STOCK COMMERCIAL BANKS.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes made to the Financial Institutions Article under Section 1 of this Act may not be construed to:

(1) affect, modify, or invalidate the authority and powers of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation under § 5–504 of the Financial Institutions Article to approve the conversion or any portion of the conversion of a Maryland–chartered savings bank to a Maryland–chartered capital stock commercial bank; or

(2) invalidate any conversion of a Maryland–chartered savings bank to a Maryland–chartered capital stock commercial bank that was consummated before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

**Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.**