

# SENATE BILL 495

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CF HB 381

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By: **Senators Pugh, Benson, Conway, Jones–Rodwell, Kelley, King,  
Montgomery, and Muse**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly Members – Business Communications as Private Citizens –**  
3 **Notice**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain members of the General Assembly to include  
5 in a business communication a certain statement; providing for the application  
6 of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the business  
7 communications of members of the General Assembly as private citizens.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 2–109

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **2–109.**

17 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
18 **WHO IS:**

19 **(1) SELF–EMPLOYED;**

20 **(2) A CONSULTANT TO A BUSINESS ENTITY DOING BUSINESS IN**  
21 **THE STATE; OR**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR WHO CONTRACTS WITH A**  
2 **BUSINESS ENTITY DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.**

3           **(B) IN THIS SECTION, “BUSINESS COMMUNICATION” MEANS A**  
4 **COMMUNICATION THAT:**

5                   **(1) IS WRITTEN; AND**

6                   **(2) RELATES TO THE OCCUPATION OF A MEMBER OF THE**  
7 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN.**

8           **(C) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY INCLUDE IN A**  
9 **BUSINESS COMMUNICATION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:**

10                   **“PLEASE NOTE THAT I AM NOT ACTING IN MY CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF**  
11 **THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.”.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2013.