

HOUSE BILL 1348

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Advertisements – Paid for by Maryland Taxpayers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that any advertisement that is paid for by the State and
4 issued by or on behalf of certain courts, the Maryland General Assembly, or
5 certain departments and units of the Executive Branch of State government
6 include a certain statement; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a
7 statement on State advertisements that are paid for by the State.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10 Section 1–206

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – State Government

15 Section 2–1805 and 8–505

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

21 **1–206.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
2 MEANINGS INDICATED.

3 (2) (I) "ADVERTISEMENT" MEANS ANY ORAL, WRITTEN, OR
4 PRINTED MEDIA ADVERTISEMENT.

5 (II) "ADVERTISEMENT" INCLUDES ANY TELEVISION
6 ANNOUNCEMENT, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT, AND WORLD WIDE WEB AND
7 INTERNET VOICE-OVERS.

8 (3) "COURT" MEANS THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE COURT OF
9 SPECIAL APPEALS, A CIRCUIT COURT, THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND,
10 AND AN ORPHANS' COURT.

11 (B) ANY ADVERTISEMENT ISSUED BY OR ON BEHALF OF A COURT THAT
12 IS PAID FOR BY THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

13 "THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS OF MARYLAND."

14 Article – State Government

15 2-1805.

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "ADVERTISEMENT" MEANS ANY ORAL,
17 WRITTEN, OR PRINTED MEDIA ADVERTISEMENT.

18 (2) "ADVERTISEMENT" INCLUDES ANY TELEVISION
19 ANNOUNCEMENT, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT, AND WORLD WIDE WEB AND
20 INTERNET VOICE-OVERS.

21 (B) ANY ADVERTISEMENT ISSUED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY THAT IS PAID FOR BY THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
23 STATEMENT:

24 "THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS OF MARYLAND."

25 8-505.

26 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
27 MEANINGS INDICATED.

28 (2) (I) "ADVERTISEMENT" MEANS ANY ORAL, WRITTEN, OR
29 PRINTED MEDIA ADVERTISEMENT.

1 **(II) “ADVERTISEMENT” INCLUDES ANY TELEVISION**
2 **ANNOUNCEMENT, RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT, AND WORLD WIDE WEB AND**
3 **INTERNET VOICE-OVERS.**

4 **(3) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE**
5 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.**

6 **(4) “INDEPENDENT UNIT” MEANS A UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE**
7 **BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT IS NOT A DEPARTMENT.**

8 **(B) ANY ADVERTISEMENT ISSUED BY OR ON BEHALF OF A DEPARTMENT**
9 **OR AN INDEPENDENT UNIT THAT IS PAID FOR BY THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE**
10 **THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:**

11 **“THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS OF MARYLAND.”.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2014.