

SENATE BILL 540

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CF HB 239

By: **Senators Ramirez, Colburn, Jones–Rodwell, Klausmeier, Rosapepe, and Stone**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lawyers – Fees – Payment by Credit or Debit Card**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Court of Appeals to allow an applicant to the Bar or
4 a lawyer to use a credit or debit card to pay certain fees; authorizing the Court
5 of Appeals to charge a processing fee not exceeding a certain amount; and
6 generally relating to the payment of lawyer fees by credit or debit card.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

9 Section 10–503

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

15 **10–503.**

16 **(A) THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO THE BAR**
17 **OR A LAWYER TO USE A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD TO PAY:**

18 **(1) AN EXAMINATION FEE OR ANY OTHER FEE REQUIRED FOR**
19 **ADMISSION TO THE BAR; AND**

20 **(2) ANY ANNUAL FEE ASSESSED AGAINST A LAWYER.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY CHARGE A PROCESSING FEE FOR**
2 **EACH CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENT MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
3 **SECTION NOT EXCEEDING THE ACTUAL COST INCURRED IN PROCESSING THE**
4 **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENT.**

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