

SENATE BILL 317

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SB 540/14 – JPR

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By: **Senators Ramirez, Benson, Ferguson, Hough, Kelley, Klausmeier,
Montgomery, Norman, and Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2015

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 for admission to
4 the Bar or a lawyer to use a credit or debit card to pay certain fees; authorizing the
5 Court 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 2014 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 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 FOR ADMISSION**
17 **TO THE BAR 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 EACH**
2 **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENT MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
3 **NOT EXCEEDING THE ACTUAL COST INCURRED IN PROCESSING THE CREDIT OR**
4 **DEBIT CARD PAYMENT.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2015.