

# HOUSE BILL 950

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment – Number of Employees Granted H–1B or L–1 Visa –**  
3 **Disclosure**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each employer to make available to the public the number of  
5 the employer’s employees who have been granted an H–1B or L–1 visa by the U.S.  
6 Citizenship and Immigration Services; and generally relating to the disclosure of the  
7 number of employees granted H–1B or L–1 visas.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Labor and Employment

10 Section 1–203

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland should have information pertaining to the  
15 H–1B and L–1 visa employment; and

16 WHEREAS, The real unemployment rate in Maryland is 9.6%, much higher than  
17 Marylanders should have to endure; and

18 WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland should not, considering the current difficult  
19 employment prospects, face the threat of losing their jobs to individuals with H–1B and  
20 L–1 visas; and

21 WHEREAS, The purpose of this Act is to create transparency so that Marylanders  
22 are able to access information regarding the effects of the H–1B and L–1 visa programs on  
23 employment in Maryland; now, therefore,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Labor and Employment**

4 **1-203.**

5 **EACH EMPLOYER SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE NUMBER OF**  
6 **THE EMPLOYER’S EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN H-1B OR L-1 VISA BY**  
7 **THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2016.