

# HOUSE BILL 1641

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By: **Delegate Lam**

Introduced and read first time: March 3, 2017

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Corporations and Associations – Nonprofit Corporations – Legislative Advocacy**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a corporation qualified under a certain provision of the  
4 Internal Revenue Code that publicly advocates for or against legislation pending  
5 before the General Assembly or a county governing body to record the corporation's  
6 position in the minutes for the meeting at which the decision is made to advocate for  
7 or against the legislation; and generally relating to legislative advocacy by nonprofit  
8 corporations.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Corporations and Associations

11 Section 1–407

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Corporations and Associations**

17 **1–407.**

18 **A NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT QUALIFIES FOR TAX-EXEMPT STATUS**  
19 **UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND PUBLICLY ADVOCATES**  
20 **FOR OR AGAINST LEGISLATION PENDING BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR A**  
21 **COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL RECORD THE CORPORATION'S POSITION IN THE**  
22 **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING AT WHICH THE DECISION IS MADE TO ADVOCATE FOR**  
23 **OR AGAINST THE LEGISLATION.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2017.