

SENATE BILL 247

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By: **Senators Norman and Feldman**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2018

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Notaries Public – Travel Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a notary public to charge a reasonable fee, rather than
4 certain fees established in statute or by regulation of the Secretary of State, as
5 compensation for travel required for the performance of a notarial act; requiring the
6 notary public, before incurring the travel expense, to inform the person requesting
7 the notarial act of the travel fee that will be charged; requiring the notary public to
8 provide a receipt separately itemizing the travel fee to the person who paid for the
9 notarial act; and generally relating to travel fees for notaries public.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Government
12 Section 18–112
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 18–112.

19 (a) The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to establish fees, not to exceed
20 \$4 for an original notarial act, and an appropriate lesser amount for the repetition of that
21 original notarial act or to make a copy of the matter addressed by that original notarial act.

22 (b) **(1)** A notary public may charge [19 cents per mile, or a higher amount set
23 by regulation of the Secretary of State, and a fee not to exceed \$5,] **A REASONABLE FEE** as
24 compensation for travel required for the performance of a notarial act.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) FOR ANY FEE CHARGED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION, A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL:**

3 **(I) BEFORE INCURRING THE TRAVEL EXPENSE, INFORM THE**
4 **PERSON REQUESTING THE NOTARIAL ACT OF THE FEE THAT WILL BE CHARGED; AND**

5 **(II) PROVIDE THE PERSON WHO PAID FOR THE NOTARIAL ACT A**
6 **RECEIPT SEPARATELY ITEMIZING THE TRAVEL FEE.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2018.