

**HB0145/213325/1**

BY: Delegate Arikan

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 145, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, before line 7, insert:

**“(D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED OR INTERPRETED TO RESTRICT PROTECTED POLITICAL SPEECH, CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATIONS, OPINIONS, SATIRE, PARODY, OR CRITICISM OF CANDIDATES OR OFFICIALS.”**

On page 4, after line 26, insert:

**“(F) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED OR INTERPRETED TO RESTRICT PROTECTED POLITICAL SPEECH, CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATIONS, OPINIONS, SATIRE, PARODY, OR CRITICISM OF CANDIDATES OR OFFICIALS.”**

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the basis for an action filed under this Act must meet the actual malice standard of New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, 376 U.S. 254 (1964).”**;

and in line 27, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.