

HOUSE BILL 994

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By: **Delegates Boafo, Holmes, and Taylor**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Travel Services – Special Fund, Fees, and Surety**
3 **Requirement**
4 **(Don’t You Worry (Wurie) Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Sellers of Travel Services Registration Fund as a
6 special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring that
7 certain investment earnings be credited to the General Fund of the State; requiring
8 the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate certain costs; authorizing the
9 Department to set by regulation certain fees based on certain calculations;
10 prohibiting certain fees from increasing by more than a certain amount each year;
11 requiring certain providers of travel services to file with the Department proof of
12 professional liability and errors and omissions liability in at least a certain amount;
13 and generally relating to the financial security of providers of travel services.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Business Regulation
16 Section 2–106.17 and 2–106.18; and 17–2201 through 17–2203 to be under the new
17 subtitle “Subtitle 22. Travel Services”
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Business Regulation**

23 **2–106.17.**

24 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE SELLERS OF TRAVEL SERVICES**
25 **REGISTRATION FUND.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) THERE IS A SELLERS OF TRAVEL SERVICES REGISTRATION**
2 **FUND.**

3 **(2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**
4 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

5 **(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER**
6 **TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 22 OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE COMPTROLLER.**

7 **(2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FEES TO THE FUND.**

8 **(D) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO COVER THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTED**
9 **DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF FULFILLING THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY**
10 **DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 22 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

11 **(E) THE SECRETARY OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY SHALL**
12 **ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

13 **(F) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND**
14 **TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE**
15 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

16 **(G) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE**
17 **GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

18 **2-106.18.**

19 **(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ANNUALLY CALCULATE THE DIRECT AND**
20 **INDIRECT COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE**
21 **22 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

22 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH FEES BASED ON THE**
23 **CALCULATIONS PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION.**

24 **(C) EACH FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER TITLE 17,**
25 **SUBTITLE 22 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE INCREASED ANNUALLY BY MORE THAN**
26 **12.5% OF THE EXISTING AND CORRESPONDING FEES OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER**
27 **TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 22 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

28 **SUBTITLE 22. TRAVEL SERVICES.**

29 **17-2201.**

1 (III) A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR SIMILAR LODGING ESTABLISHMENT
2 THAT, IN THE COURSE OF SELLING, PROVIDING, OR ARRANGING TRANSIENT
3 LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ITS REGISTERED
4 GUESTS:

5 1. ARRANGES OR PROVIDES FOR TRANSPORTATION; AND

6 2. DOES NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RECEIVE MONEY
7 OR OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION FOR ARRANGING OR PROVIDING
8 TRANSPORTATION.

9 17-2202.

10 (A) (1) EACH SELLER OF TRAVEL OR INDEPENDENT AGENT SHALL FILE
11 ANNUALLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT PROOF OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY AND
12 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF AT LEAST \$1,000,000 AS
13 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

14 (2) EACH SELLER OF TRAVEL SHALL FILE ANNUALLY WITH THE
15 DEPARTMENT A LIST OF INDEPENDENT AGENTS AFFILIATED WITH THE SELLER OF
16 TRAVEL.

17 (3) THE ANNUAL FILING FEE IS \$300.

18 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT RECEIVE VALUABLE CONSIDERATION IN PAYMENT
19 FOR SERVICES OFFERED FOR SALE BY A SELLER OF TRAVEL OR AN INDEPENDENT
20 AGENT UNLESS, AT THE TIME OF RECEIVING THE PAYMENT, THE SELLER OF TRAVEL
21 OR INDEPENDENT AGENT HAS MET THE ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENTS UNDER
22 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (C) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE DEPARTMENT
24 SHALL PAY ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS TITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER.

25 (2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FEES TO THE
26 SELLERS OF TRAVEL SERVICES REGISTRATION FUND ESTABLISHED IN § 2-106.17
27 OF THIS ARTICLE.

28 17-2203.

29 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

30 (1) PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
31 SUBTITLE TO CONSUMERS AND SELLERS OF TRAVEL;

1 **(2) ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

2 **(3) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING**
3 **REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE**
4 **REGISTRATION OF SELLERS OF TRAVEL AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT**
5 **OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2026.