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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 879  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 6 down through “definition” in line 30 and substitute “altering the definition of “legislative action” as it applies to certain provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law to include testimony and other advocacy in an official capacity before a unit of State or local government; prohibiting certain former regulated lobbyists from participating in a case, contract, or other matter as a public official or employee for a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring the State Ethics Commission to make certain information freely available on the Internet; prohibiting certain former State officials from representing or assisting certain parties for compensation in certain matters for a certain period of time, subject to a certain exception; prohibiting an official or an employee from intentionally using the prestige of office or public position to influence, except under certain circumstances, the award of certain contracts; prohibiting an official from directly or indirectly initiating a solicitation for a person to retain the services of a particular regulated lobbyist or lobbying firm; prohibiting a public official or employee from using public resources or the title of the public official or employee to solicit certain political contributions; altering the definition of “close economic association” as it applies to provisions of the Public Ethics Law governing conflicts of interest; altering the reporting requirements for outside income that a legislator is required to make to the Joint Ethics Committee; repealing a certain requirement that the Ethics Commission develop and implement procedures for granting exemptions to electronic filing requirements for financial disclosure forms; requiring a governmental unit to provide certain employees with a list of entities that did business with the unit during a certain time period; prohibiting certain former regulated lobbyists from participating in certain cases, contracts, or matters for a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring the Ethics Commission to make freely available on the Internet in a certain manner certain financial disclosure statements for certain officials and candidates, subject to

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certain redaction; altering the debt schedule of a financial disclosure statement to require disclosure of debt owed to entities doing business with or regulated by the individual's governmental unit; altering the employment schedule of a financial disclosure statement to require certain reporting if the individual's spouse is a regulated lobbyist; repealing a requirement that the Ethics Commission hold a public hearing under certain circumstances; requiring that certain Ethics Commission regulations require certain regulated lobbyists to file certain statements of recusal under certain circumstances; altering the definition of "interest" as it applies to the Maryland Public Ethics Law to exclude exchange-traded funds; making certain technical corrections".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 29, inclusive, and substitute:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - General Provisions

Section 5-101(a), 5-501(a), and 5-513

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - General Provisions

Section 5-101(t) and (v), 5-502, 5-504(d), 5-506, 5-512, 5-514(b)(1), 5-602(d), 5-606,  
5-607(g) and (i), and 5-704(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY adding to

Article - General Provisions

Section 5-501(a-1) and 5-602(f)

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 33, insert:

“(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated unless:

(1) the context clearly requires a different meaning; or

(2) a different definition is adopted for a particular provision.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 34 on page 2 down through line 4 on page 3 and substitute:

“(t) (1) “Interest” means a legal or equitable economic interest that is owned or held wholly or partly, jointly or severally, or directly or indirectly, whether or not the economic interest is subject to an encumbrance or condition.

(2) “Interest” does not include:

(i) an interest held in the capacity of agent, custodian, fiduciary, personal representative, or trustee, unless the holder has an equitable interest in the subject matter;

(ii) an interest in a time or demand deposit in a financial institution;

(iii) an interest in an insurance policy, endowment policy, or annuity contract under which an insurer promises to pay a fixed amount of money in a lump sum or periodically for life or a specified period;

(iv) a common trust fund or a trust that forms part of a pension or a profit-sharing plan that:

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1. has more than 25 participants; and
2. is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a qualified trust under the Internal Revenue Code or a qualified tuition plan established pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code; or
  - (v) a mutual fund OR EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND that is publicly traded on a national scale unless the mutual fund OR EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND is composed primarily of holdings of stocks and interests in a specific sector or area that is regulated by the individual's governmental unit."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 5, in each instance, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike "(U)"; in line 9, strike "or"; and in line 10, after "veto" insert "**; OR**

**(III) TESTIMONY OR OTHER ADVOCACY IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY BEFORE A UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT"**

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On pages 3 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 3 through line 4 on page 7, inclusive, and substitute:

"5-501.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, an official or employee may not participate in a matter if:

(1) the official or employee or a qualifying relative of the official or employee has an interest in the matter and the official or employee knows of the interest; or

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(2) any of the following is a party to the matter:

(i) a business entity in which the official or employee has a direct financial interest of which the official or employee reasonably may be expected to know;

(ii) a business entity, including a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership, of which any of the following is an officer, a director, a trustee, a partner, or an employee:

1. the official or employee; or

2. if known to the official or employee, a qualifying relative of the official or employee;

(iii) a business entity with which any of the following has applied for a position, is negotiating employment, or has arranged prospective employment:

1. the official or employee; or

2. if known to the official or employee, a qualifying relative of the official or employee;

(iv) if the contract reasonably could be expected to result in a conflict between the private interest and the official State duties of the official or employee, a business entity that is a party to a contract with:

1. the official or employee; or

2. if known to the official or employee, a qualifying relative of the official or employee;

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(v) a business entity, either engaged in a transaction with the State or subject to regulation by the official's or employee's governmental unit, in which a direct financial interest is owned by another business entity if the official or employee:

1. has a direct financial interest in the other business entity; and
2. reasonably may be expected to know of both financial interests; or

(vi) a business entity that:

1. the official or employee knows is a creditor or an obligee of the official or employee, or of a qualifying relative of the official or employee, with respect to a thing of economic value; and
2. as a creditor or an obligee, is in a position to affect directly and substantially the interest of the official, employee, or qualifying relative.

**(A-1) A FORMER REGULATED LOBBYIST WHO IS OR BECOMES SUBJECT TO REGULATION UNDER THIS TITLE AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CASE, CONTRACT, OR OTHER SPECIFIC MATTER AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE FOR 1 CALENDAR YEAR AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF THE FORMER REGULATED LOBBYIST IF THE FORMER REGULATED LOBBYIST PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED OR REPRESENTED ANOTHER PARTY IN THE MATTER.**

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(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, an official or employee may not:

(1) be employed by or have a financial interest in:

(i) an entity subject to the authority of that official or employee or of the governmental unit with which the official or employee is affiliated; or

(ii) an entity that is negotiating or has entered a contract with that governmental unit or an entity that is a subcontractor on a contract with that governmental unit; or

(2) hold any other employment relationship that would impair the impartiality and independent judgment of the official or employee.

(c) The prohibitions of subsection (b) of this section do not apply:

(1) to employment or a financial interest allowed by regulation of the Ethics Commission if:

(i) the employment does not create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest; or

(ii) the financial interest is disclosed;

(2) to a public official who is appointed to a regulatory or licensing unit in accordance with a statutory requirement that entities subject to the jurisdiction of the unit be represented in appointments to it;

(3) as allowed by regulations adopted by the Ethics Commission, to an employee whose government duties are ministerial, if the private employment or

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financial interest does not create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest; or

(4) to a member of a board who holds the employment or financial interest when appointed if the employment or financial interest is disclosed publicly to the appointing authority, the Ethics Commission, and, if applicable, the Senate of Maryland before Senate confirmation.

(d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Ethics Commission may exempt a public official of an executive unit or an employee of an executive unit from the prohibitions of subsection (b) of this section if the Ethics Commission determines that:

(i) failure to grant the exemption would limit the ability of the State to:

1. recruit and hire highly qualified or uniquely qualified professionals for public service; or

2. assure the availability of competent services to the public; and

(ii) the number of exemptions granted under this subsection has not eroded the purposes of subsection (b) of this section or other provisions of this title.

(2) (i) The Ethics Commission may grant an exemption under paragraph (1) of this subsection only:

1. in extraordinary situations; and

2. on the recommendation of the Governor, at the request of the executive unit involved.



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(ii) The Ethics Commission shall apply this subsection as consistently as possible under similar facts and circumstances.

**(E) THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL MAKE FREELY AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET DOCUMENTATION OF A DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(4) OF THIS SECTION.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

On page 7, in lines 6 and 7, strike “OR A FORMER OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OR EXECUTIVE BRANCH”; in line 14, after “(i)” insert **“IN THIS PARAGRAPH, “LEGISLATIVE ACTION” DOES NOT INCLUDE TESTIMONY OR OTHER ADVOCACY IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY BEFORE A UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT;**

**(II)**;

in the same line, strike “(ii)” and substitute **“(III)”**; strike beginning with “OFFICIAL” in line 19 down through the second “BRANCH” in line 20 and substitute **“GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMPTROLLER, OR STATE TREASURER”**; in line 22, strike “OR EMPLOYEE”; strike beginning with “EMPLOYMENT” in line 23 down through “BRANCH” in line 24 and substitute **“STATE OFFICE”**; in line 25, strike “(ii)” and substitute **“(III)”**; in the same line, strike “(i)” and substitute **“(II)”**; strike beginning with “OFFICIAL” in line 26 down through the second “BRANCH” in line 27 and substitute **“GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMPTROLLER, OR STATE TREASURER”**; in line 32, after “position” insert “:

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and in the same line, after “another” insert “; **OR**

**(II) TO INFLUENCE, EXCEPT AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OR AS A USUAL AND CUSTOMARY CONSTITUENT SERVICE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION, THE AWARD OF A STATE OR LOCAL CONTRACT TO A SPECIFIC PERSON”.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 8**

On page 8, in line 2, after “THE” insert “COMPENSATED”; and after line 5, insert:

**“(C) A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY NOT USE PUBLIC RESOURCES OR THE TITLE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE TO SOLICIT A POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION THAT IS REGULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.”.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 9**

On pages 8 through 23, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 6 on page 8 through line 26 on page 23, inclusive, and substitute:

**“5-512.**

**(a) (1) In this section, “close economic association” means the association between a legislator and:**

- (i) the legislator’s:**
  - 1. employer;**
  - 2. employee; or**
  - 3. partner in a business or professional enterprise;**

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(ii) a partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company in which the legislator has invested capital or owns an interest;

(iii) a corporation in which the legislator owns the lesser of:

1. 10% or more of the outstanding capital stock; or

2. capital stock with a cumulative value of [\$25,000] \$35,000 or more; [and]

(iv) a corporation in which the legislator is an officer, a director, or an agent; AND

(V) AN ENTITY WITH WHICH THE LEGISLATOR IS NEGOTIATING EMPLOYMENT OR HAS ARRANGED PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYMENT.

(2) “Close economic association” does not include a legislator’s ownership of stock directly through a mutual fund, AN EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND, a retirement plan, or any other similar commingled investment vehicle the individual investments of which the legislator does not control or manage.

(b) (1) An interest of a member of the General Assembly conflicts with the public interest if the legislator’s interest tends to impair the legislator’s independence of judgment.

(2) The conflict disqualifies the legislator from participating in any legislative action, or otherwise attempting to influence any legislation, to which the conflict relates.

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(c) It is presumed that an interest disqualifies a legislator from participating in legislative action whenever the legislator:

(1) has or acquires a direct interest in an enterprise that would be affected by the legislator's vote on proposed legislation, unless the interest is common to all members of:

(i) a profession or occupation of which the legislator is a member;  
or

(ii) the general public or a large class of the general public;

(2) benefits financially from a close economic association with a person whom the legislator knows has a direct interest in an enterprise or interest that would be affected by the legislator's participation in legislative action, differently from other like enterprises or interests;

(3) benefits financially from a close economic association with a person who is lobbying for the purpose of influencing legislative action; or

(4) solicits, accepts, or agrees to accept a loan, other than a loan from a commercial lender in the normal course of business, from a person who would be affected by or has an interest in an enterprise that would be affected by the legislator's participation in legislative action.

5-513.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the disqualification arising under § 5-512 of this subtitle is suspended if a legislator with an apparent or presumed conflict files with the Joint Ethics Committee a sworn statement that:

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(i) describes the circumstances of the apparent or presumed conflict and the legislation or class of legislation to which it relates; and

(ii) asserts that the legislator is able to participate in legislative action relating to the legislation fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the disqualification arising under § 5-512 of this subtitle may not be suspended if the conflict is direct and personal to:

1. the legislator;
2. a member of the legislator's immediate family; or
3. the legislator's employer.

(ii) This paragraph does not apply to a vote on:

1. the annual operating budget bill, in its entirety; or
2. the annual capital budget bill, in its entirety.

(b) (1) Whenever a legislator files a statement described in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Joint Ethics Committee on its own motion may issue a statement concerning the propriety of the legislator's participation in the particular legislative action, with reference to the applicable ethical standards.

(2) The suspension of the disqualification by the filing of the statement is subject to further action by the Joint Ethics Committee if the question of conflict comes before the Committee as to the same circumstances and the same legislator.

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(c) A member who is disqualified from participating in legislative action under subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section, or who chooses to be excused from participating in legislative action on a bill or class of bills because of the appearance or presumption of a conflict, shall file in a timely manner a statement with the Joint Ethics Committee that describes the circumstances of the apparent or presumed conflict.

(d) All statements filed under this section shall be:

(1) filed electronically on a form required by the Joint Ethics Committee; and

(2) maintained as a matter of public record as required in subsection (e) of this section.

(e) (1) The Department of Legislative Services shall:

(i) compile the statements filed under this section;

(ii) make the statements available for public inspection as provided in the Public Information Act; and

(iii) as to statements filed on or after January 1, 2013, make the statements freely available to the public on the Internet through an online registration program.

(2) As to each statement, the Internet posting shall indicate:

(i) whether the Joint Ethics Committee has made a determination under subsection (b) of this section;

(ii) the determination made, if any; and

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(iii) the date, if any, on which the determination was made.

5-514.

(b) (1) A legislator shall report the following information in writing to the Joint Ethics Committee at the times and in the manner required by the Joint Ethics Committee:

(i) subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if representing a person for compensation before a State or local government agency, except in a judicial proceeding or in a quasi-judicial proceeding, the name of the person represented, the services performed, and the consideration;

(ii) if representing a State or local government agency for compensation, the name of the agency, the services performed, and the consideration;

(iii) the name of any business enterprise subject to regulation by a State agency in which the legislator and a member of the legislator's immediate family (spouse and children living with the legislator), together or separately, have:

1. the lesser of:

A. 10% or more of the capital stock of any corporation; or

B. capital stock of any corporation with a cumulative value of [~~\$25,000~~] **\$35,000** or more; and

2. any interest in a partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company;

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(iv) details of any contractual relationship with a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State, including the subject matter and the consideration;

(v) details of any transaction with a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State involving a monetary consideration; [and]

(vi) [any primary employment or business interest and the employer of the legislator or the spouse of the legislator,] except for employment as a legislator, THE NAME OF ANY:

1. PRIMARY EMPLOYER OF THE LEGISLATOR;
2. PRIMARY EMPLOYER OF THE LEGISLATOR'S SPOUSE; AND
3. BUSINESS FROM WHICH THE LEGISLATOR OR THE LEGISLATOR'S SPOUSE RECEIVES EARNED INCOME AS A RESULT OF AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS;

(VII) EXCEPT IN A JUDICIAL OR QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING, THE NAME OF ANY CLIENT OF THE LEGISLATOR OR A BUSINESS ENTITY IN WHICH THE LEGISLATOR HAS OWNERSHIP INTEREST IF THE LEGISLATOR:

1. IS ASSISTING THE CLIENT OR BUSINESS ENTITY IN SEEKING A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT, LICENSE, OR OTHER COMPETITIVE AWARD; AND



**2. WILL RECEIVE OR EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A DIRECT FINANCIAL BENEFIT AS A RESULT OF THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT, LICENSE, OR OTHER COMPETITIVE AWARD TO THE CLIENT OR BUSINESS ENTITY; AND**

**(VIII) IF THE LEGISLATOR'S SPOUSE IS AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST, THE NAME OF EACH ENTITY THAT HAS ENGAGED THE LOBBYIST FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES.**

5-602.

(d) (1) The Ethics Commission shall develop and implement procedures[:

(i)] for the electronic filing of a statement under this subtitle[:  
and

(ii) for the Ethics Commission to grant an exemption to the requirement under subsection (a)(1) of this section].

(2) (i) To comply with the requirement of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Ethics Commission may adopt regulations to modify the format for disclosure of information required under § 5-607 of this subtitle.

(ii) The regulations adopted under this paragraph shall be consistent with the intent of this title.

**(F) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR, A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT SHALL PROVIDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT AND WHO IS REQUIRED TO FILE A STATEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE A LIST OF ENTITIES THAT DID BUSINESS WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.**

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(a) (1) (I) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee shall maintain the statements submitted under this subtitle and, during normal office hours, make the statements available to the public for examination and copying.

[(2)] (II) The Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee may charge a reasonable fee and adopt administrative procedures for the examination and copying of a statement.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR STATEMENTS SUBMITTED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019, THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL MAKE FREELY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE INTERNET, THROUGH AN ONLINE REGISTRATION PROGRAM, A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 5-601(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND A PRELIMINARY DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER § 5-602(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT IS FILED BY:

(I) A STATE OFFICIAL;

(II) A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE AS A STATE OFFICIAL; OR

(III) A SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

(3) (I) THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE MAY NOT PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO A PORTION OF A STATEMENT THAT INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL'S HOME ADDRESS.

(II) THE ETHICS COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO PREVENT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE HOME ADDRESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

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(b) (1) The Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee shall maintain a record of:

(i) the name and home address of each individual who examines or copies a statement under this section; and

(ii) the name of the individual whose statement was examined or copied.

(2) On the request of the individual whose statement was examined or copied, the Ethics Commission or the Joint Ethics Committee shall forward to that individual a copy of the record specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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(g) (1) The statement shall include a schedule, to the extent the individual may reasonably be expected to know, of each debt, excluding retail credit accounts, owed at any time during the applicable period to entities doing business with [the State] OR REGULATED BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

(i) by the individual; and

(ii) if the individual was involved in the transaction giving rise to the debt, by any member of the immediate family of the individual.

(2) For each debt, the schedule shall include:

(i) the identity of the entity to which the debt was owed;

(ii) the date it was incurred;

(iii) the amount owed at the end of the applicable period;

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(iv) the terms of payment;

(v) the extent to which the principal was increased or decreased during the applicable period; and

(vi) any security given.

(i) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the statement shall include a schedule listing the name and address of each:

(i) place of salaried employment, including secondary employment, of the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family at any time during the applicable period; [and]

(ii) business entity of which the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family was a sole or partial owner, and from which the individual or family member received earned income, at any time during the applicable period;  
AND

(III) IF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SPOUSE IS A REGULATED LOBBYIST, ENTITY THAT HAS ENGAGED THE SPOUSE FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES.

(2) The statement may not include a listing of a minor child's employment or business entities of which the child is sole or partial owner, unless the place of employment or the business entity:

(i) is subject to the regulation or authority of the agency that employs the individual; or

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(ii) has contracts in excess of \$10,000 with the agency that employs the individual.

5-704.

(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each registration shall terminate on the earlier of:

(i) the October 31 following the filing of the registration; or

(ii) an earlier termination date specified in the certification filed with respect to that registration under § 5-703 of this subtitle.

(2) A regulated lobbyist may terminate the registration before the date specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection by:

(i) ceasing all activity that requires registration; and

(ii) after ceasing activity in accordance with item (i) of this paragraph:

1. filing a notice of termination with the Ethics Commission; and

2. filing all reports required by this subtitle within 30 days after the filing of the notice of termination.

(3) (i) Subject to subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, if a regulated lobbyist is or becomes subject to regulation under this title as an official or employee, the regulated lobbyist shall immediately terminate the registration in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection.

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(ii) [After holding a public hearing, the] THE Ethics Commission shall adopt regulations establishing criteria under which a regulated lobbyist may serve on a State board or commission.

(iii) The regulations adopted under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph shall:

1. establish a classification of State boards or commissions on which regulated lobbyists may serve;

2. at a minimum authorize a regulated lobbyist to serve as an appointed member of an advisory governmental body of limited duration; [and]

3. as to a regulated lobbyist who serves on a State board or commission, establish disclosure requirements that are substantially similar to disclosure requirements [for members of the General Assembly] UNDER § 5-514 OF THIS TITLE; AND

4. REQUIRE A REGULATED LOBBYIST WHO SERVES ON A BOARD OR COMMISSION AND IS DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN A SPECIFIC MATTER BECAUSE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO FILE A STATEMENT OF RECUSAL DESCRIBING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CONFLICT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 23, in line 27, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”.