

CHAPTER 550

(House Bill 362)

AN ACT concerning

Ethics Law - Gifts - Tickets to Sporting, Charitable, Cultural, or Political Events and Trips - ~~Members of the General Assembly~~

FOR the purpose of ~~limiting~~ requiring a regulated lobbyist to report the gift of certain tickets ~~to certain sporting, charitable, cultural, or political events and admissions provided to officials and employees, unless the event is sponsored by the donor members of the General Assembly elected constitutional officers of the Legislative and Executive Branches or their family members under certain circumstances; making it unlawful for certain regulated lobbyists to make certain gifts to certain officials and employees under certain circumstances; requiring members of the General Assembly certain officials to obtain the prior written approval of notify the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics appropriate advisory body to attend before attending~~ certain meetings for which the expenses paid for the ~~member~~ official by a regulated lobbyist are anticipated to exceed a certain amount; providing for the construction of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to certain gift prohibitions and limitations and certain reporting requirements applicable to regulated lobbyists under the State Ethics Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 15-505 and 15-704(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 12) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

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

Article - State Government

15-505.

(a) (1) An official or employee may not solicit any gift.

(2) A REGULATED LOBBYIST DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) (4) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE A GIFT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE THAT THE REGULATED LOBBYIST KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from an entity that the official or employee knows or has reason to know: