

12-502.

(a) A person who willfully or knowingly violates this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding [~~\$5,000~~] \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding [1 year] 2 YEARS or both.

(b) Each associate, employee, manager, or partner who participates in or consents to a violation of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

(c) Each violation of this title is a separate offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 12-209(a)(2)(vi) of the Business Regulation Article, as enacted by this Act, shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to licensees or license applicants for employees hired before the effective date of this Act.

~~SECTION 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 419.

This bill exempts from the disclosure requirements under the Ethics Law a lobbyist's gift to that lobbyist's immediate family. The gift must be personal and private in nature and must not be related to lobbying activities.

House Bill 1262, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 419.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 419**

AN ACT concerning

~~Ethics Law—Officials and Employees and Registered Lobbyists—Personal Relationships~~  
**Ethics Law Gift Disclosure – Lobbyists**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing certain officials and certain employees to accept gifts~~