

(i) was entered into prior to the effective date of this Act; and

(ii) immediately prior to the effective date of this Act was in conformance with Advisory Opinion #58 of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics.

(2) Employment, or other compensated relationship, that would be prohibited under § 15-504 or 15-513 of the State Government Article as enacted by this Act, if the employment or relationship:

(i) was entered into prior to the effective date of this Act; and

(ii) immediately prior to the effective date of this Act was in conformance with all applicable laws, rules, and other standards of ethical conduct.

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 15-602(b)(2) of the State Government Article, as enacted by this Act, a member of the General Assembly shall file the financial disclosure statement covering calendar year 1998 on or before April 30, 1999.~~

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.~~

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 130

(House Bill 1)

AN ACT concerning

Ethics Law - Reform of Legislative Ethics Process

FOR the purpose of altering provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relating to members of the General Assembly and, under certain circumstances, to other officials and employees of the State; altering provisions of law relating to the employment of relatives of members of the General Assembly; stating a certain requirement as to the use of public resources by members of the General Assembly; ~~authorizing the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics to adopt certain Rules of Legislative Ethics~~; providing for the appointment of a Counsel to the Joint Committee; specifying the duties of the Counsel; altering certain employment restrictions relating to members of the General Assembly; altering certain provisions relating to the solicitation, acceptance, and reporting of gifts under the Maryland Public Ethics Law; including members of the General Assembly under a provision prohibiting certain use of the prestige of office;