

CHAPTER 283

(House Bill 191)

AN ACT concerning

~~Regulated Lobbyists - Registration Fee - Increase~~  
**Lobbyist Registration Fund - Registration Fees and Reversion of Unused Funds**

FOR the purpose of altering the registration fee for certain lobbyists required to register with the State Ethics Commission; requiring that any unused balance in the Lobbyist Registration Fund at the end of any fiscal year revert to the General Fund of the State; and generally relating to the Lobbyist Registration Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section ~~15-210~~ and 15-703

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article - State Government**

15-210.

(a) (1) There is a Lobbyist Registration Fund.

(2) The Fund includes all fees collected under Subtitle 7 of this title.

(b) (1) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund [that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article].

(2) ANY BALANCE REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(c) (1) The Treasurer shall separately hold, and the Comptroller shall account for, the Fund.

(2) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(3) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made in accordance with an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual budget.

(d) The Fund shall be used to defray the expenses of administering Subtitle 7 of this title.