CHAPTER 451

(Senate Bill 303)

AN ACT concerning

Lawyers - Rights of In-House Counsel

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a lawyer who is employed on a regular salaried basis by a corporation may appear on behalf of <u>represent</u> the corporation before a court or other certain State units with the same rights that are provided to a lawyer in private practice.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Volume)

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

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

10-102.

This title does not limit the right of:

- (1) an individual to appear on the individual's own behalf before a court or other unit of the State government;
- (2) a title insurance company to examine and to insure titles to real property; [or]
- (3) a collection company to engage in the business of collecting or adjusting commercial claims; OR
- (4) A LAWYER WHO IS EMPLOYED ON A REGULAR SALARIED BASIS BY A CORPORATION TO APPEAR ON BEHALF OF REPRESENT THE CORPORATION BEFORE A COURT OR OTHER UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT WITH THE SAME RIGHTS THAT ARE PROVIDED TO A LAWYER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.