

ONE YEAR, OR BOTH. IF THE PERSON IS A BUSINESS ENTITY AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, EACH OFFICER AND PARTNER OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY WHO KNOWINGLY AUTHORIZED OR PARTICIPATED IN THE VIOLATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AS THE BUSINESS ENTITY.

(2) THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE FULL DISCLOSURE.

14A.

SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 14A OF THIS SUBTITLE, "OBEDIENCE" SHALL EXPIRE AUTOMATICALLY WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON JULY 1, 1980, INCLUDING THIS SECTION AND THOSE SECTIONS HEREINABOVE IN THIS SUBTITLE, AS AMENDED.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 5 through 13 of Article 40 - General Assembly, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby reenacted as of July 1, 1980, to read as follows:

Article 40 - General Assembly

LEGISLATIVE AGENTS

5.

AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(1) "LEGISLATIVE AGENT" MEANS A PERSON, WHO FOR COMPENSATION RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED FROM AN EMPLOYER, APPEARS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES, OR MEMBERS THEREOF, OR THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AND ANY COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE THEREOF, DURING ANY CALENDAR YEAR TO PROMOTE, ADVOCATE, INFLUENCE OR OPPOSE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER PENDING BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES, OR MEMBERS THEREOF, OR THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AND ANY COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE THEREOF.

(2) "COMPENSATION" MEANS ANY MONEY OR THING OF VALUE RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED BY ONE ACTING AS A LEGISLATIVE AGENT FROM AN EMPLOYER, WHETHER IN THE FORM OF FEE, SALARY, EXPENSES, FORFEITURE, FORGIVENESS, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF RECOMPENSE, AND ANY COMBINATION THEREOF.

(3) "EMPLOYER" MEANS ANY PERSON PAYING OR AGREEING TO PAY COMPENSATION IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON AS A LEGISLATIVE AGENT.

(4) "PERSON" INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OR