

~~It~~ (1) EXCEPT FOR A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
~~IT~~, IT is unlawful for any official or employee of the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency, or branch thereof, whose duties as such official or employee include matters SUBSTANTIALY relating to or affecting the subject matter of any contract binding or purporting to bind the State of Maryland, by or through any department, commission, agency, or branch thereof, to become ~~ex-be,~~ while such official or employee, an employee of the party or parties contracting as aforesaid with the State of Maryland, ~~--by--or--through--the-particular-State-department,~~ ~~commission,--agency,--or--branch--thereof--in--which--the--person~~ ~~is--employed.~~

(2) For the purpose of this section, the word "contract" means any contract binding or purporting to bind the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency, or branch thereof, to pay a sum of money in excess of \$1,000 for the purpose for which the contract is made. ~~-}-~~

3-106. Solicitation or acceptance of gifts.

(a) An official or employee may not solicit any gift. No official or employee may knowingly accept any gift, directly or indirectly, from any person whom the official or employee knows or has reason to know:

(1) Is doing or seeking to do business of any kind with his agency;

(2) Is engaged in activities which are regulated or controlled by his agency;

(3) Has financial interests which may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of his official duty; or

(4) Is a registrant with respect to matters within his jurisdiction.

(b) Unless a gift of any of the following would tend to impair the impartiality and the independence of judgment of the official or employee receiving it or, if of significant value, would give the appearance of doing so, or, if of significant value, the recipient official or employee believes, or has reason to believe, that it is designed to do so, subsection (a) does not apply to:

(1) Meals and beverages;

(2) Ceremonial gifts or awards which have insignificant monetary value;

(3) Unsolicited gifts of nominal value or trivial items of informational value;