

(4) Reasonable expenses for food, travel, lodging, and scheduled entertainment of the official [and spouse] or [the] employee [and spouse] for a meeting which is given in return for participation in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting;

(5) Gifts of tickets or free admission extended to an elected constitutional officer to attend professional or intercollegiate sporting events or charitable, cultural, or political events, if the purpose of such gift or admission is a courtesy or ceremony extended to the office;

(6) A specific gift or class of gifts which the Commission exempts from the operation of this section upon a finding, in writing, that acceptance of the gift or class of gifts would not be detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of ~~the-unit-of~~ government and that the gift is purely personal and private in nature;

(7) Gifts from a person related by blood or marriage, or a member of his household; or

(8) Honoraria.

(c) The Commission by regulation may define further exemptions from this section as necessary.

### 3-107. Disclosure of confidential information.

Other than in the discharge of his official duties, an official or employee may not disclose or use for his own economic benefit or that of another party confidential information which he has acquired by reason of his public position and which is not available to the public.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter 775 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1980) be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

#### Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law

### 3-108. State contracts in excess of \$25,000.

Every written 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 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in any one fiscal year for the purpose for which such contract is made shall contain the following provision: "No employee of the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this contract, shall, while such employee, become or be an employee of the party or parties hereby contracting with said State of Maryland, or any department, commission,