conflicts of interest provisions in the Maryland Public Ethics Law concerning members of the General Assembly; correcting certain cross-references to certain portions of the Annotated Code, subject to the passage of another Act; and making the passage of this Act contingent upon the passage of a certain Resolution.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law
Section 3-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law
Section 3-102(o)(3) and (p)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter   (House Bill 117) of
the Acts of 1984)

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

Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law

3-102.

(a) A personal interest of a member of the General Assembly conflicts with the public interest if it tends to impair [his] THE LEGISLATOR'S independence of judgment. The conflict disqualifies [him] THE LEGISLATOR from voting upon any question or attempting to influence any legislation to which it relates.

(b) It is presumed that personal interest tends to impair a legislator's independence of judgment in any of the following circumstances:

(1) Having or acquiring a direct interest, distinct from that of the general public, in an enterprise which would be affected by [his] THE LEGISLATOR'S vote on proposed legislation.

(2) Benefiting financially from a close economic association with a person whom the legislator knows, or from the facts is presumed to know, has a direct interest in an enterprise or interest which would be affected by the legislator's vote on proposed legislation, differently from other like enterprises or interests; or benefiting financially from a close economic association with a person who is lobbying or who has employed a lobbyist to propose legislation or to influence legislators' votes. "Close economic association" includes and refers to the