

Very truly yours,  
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1/ The two bills also differ in less significant respects. First, their titles are not identical, although both are constitutionally sufficient. Second, page 2, line 19 of the Senate Bill refers to compelling a person to "produce documents", while page 5, line 25 of the House Bill uses the words "produce any document". Third, House Bill 10 is an emergency bill, while the Senate Bill takes effect June 1, 1985. In the past, we have not deemed the date a bill becomes effective as opposed to the time it is "finally enacted", or signed by the Governor, to be a significant factor in determining whether bills are inconsistent under Article 1, § 17 of the Maryland Code. See 58 Opinions of the Attorney General 609, 614 (1973).

House Bill No. 10

AN ACT concerning

Savings and Loan Associations - ~~Illegal-Acts~~  
Compelled Testimony

FOR--the-purpose--of--prohibiting--an--officer,--director,--or--employee  
of--any--savings--and--loan--association--from--certain--acts  
relating--to--moneys,--funds,--or--credits--of--the--association--or  
entrusted--to--the--custody--or--care--of--the--association--or--to  
the--custody--or--care--of--the--officer,--director,--or--employee;  
prohibiting--an--officer,--director,--or--employee--of--a--savings  
and--loan--association,--with--intent--to--defraud--or--without  
authorization,--from--committing--certain--acts,--providing  
certain--penalties--for--violation--of--a--provision--of--law  
regarding--savings--and--loan--association--conflicts--of  
interest,--requiring--the--Director--of--the--Division--of--Savings  
and--Loan--Associations--or--the--Fund--Director--of--the--Maryland  
Deposit--Insurance--Fund--Corporation--to--report--certain  
violations--to--the--Attorney--General,--authorizing--and  
requiring--the--Attorney--General--to--take--certain--action--after  
receiving--a--certain--report,--allowing--the--Attorney--General--to  
issue--a--subpoena--under--certain--circumstances,--providing  
certain--remedies--if--a--person--fails--to--obey--a--subpoena--issued  
by--the--Attorney--General,--allowing--a--court--to--compel--a  
witness--to--testify--in--certain--proceedings--under--certain  
circumstances,--allowing--a--person--injured--by--certain  
violations--by--a--savings--and--loan--association--to--maintain--a  
certain--action,--providing--for--the--award--of--certain--damages,