

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

1-201.

(s) "Lobbyist" means any person who, within a reporting period, in the presence of any official or employee in the legislative or executive branch has communicated with that official or employee for the purpose of influencing any legislative action, and who, for that purpose and exclusive of the personal travel or subsistence expenses of that person or representative of that person, either incurs expenses of \$100 or more or receives \$500 or more as compensation, or any person who expends a cumulative value of \$100 or more during a reporting period on one or more officials or employees in the executive branch for meals, beverages, special events or gifts in connection with or with the purpose of influencing executive action.

5-101.

(b) Except for providing the authorization required by § 5-102 AND THE REPORT REQUIRED BY § 5-105(C) OF THIS TITLE, AND EXCEPT FOR A NONINCORPORATED GROUP AN ENTITY THAT IS ORGANIZED FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE REGISTRATION, a person who compensates one or more registrants and who reasonably believes that all expenditures requiring registration will be reported by a registrant and who engages in no other act which would require registration shall be exempt from the operation of this title. Failure of such a registrant to report any information required by this title makes the employer immediately subject to the provisions of this title.

5-105.

(c) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, A NONINCORPORATED GROUP AN ENTITY THAT IS A REGISTRANT, OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZED AND OPERATED FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE REGISTRATION ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE ANY LEGISLATIVE OR EXECUTIVE ACTION SHALL REPORT THE NAME AND PERMANENT ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON WHO PROVIDES AT LEAST 5 PERCENT OF THE GROUP'S ENTITY'S REGISTRANT'S TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT CONTRIBUTED RECEIPTS DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 13, 1986.

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