

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

3-106.

(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 THAT ARE RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DONOR OR SPONSORING ENTITY;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved May 14, 1987.