

Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law

1-201.

(N) "HONORARIUM" MEANS THE PAYMENT OF MONEY OR ANYTHING OF VALUE FOR:

(1) SPEAKING TO, PARTICIPATING IN, OR ATTENDING A MEETING, CONFERENCE, OR OTHER FUNCTION; OR

(2) WRITING AN ARTICLE, OTHER THAN A BOOK, THAT HAS BEEN OR IS INTENDED TO BE PUBLISHED.

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(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 THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S agency;

(2) Is engaged in activities which are regulated or controlled by his THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S 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 THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S official duty; or

(4) Is a registrant with respect to matters within his THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S jurisdiction.

~~{B}-{1}-EXCEPT-AS-PROVIDED-IN-PARAGRAPH-(2)-OF-THIS SUBSECTION, A STATE OFFICIAL MAY NOT ACCEPT AN HONORARIUM, STIPEND, OR FEE FOR PARTICIPATING IN OR APPEARING BEFORE ANY ORGANIZATION, GROUP, ASSOCIATION, OR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION PRIMARILY BY REASON OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OFFICIAL POSITION.~~

~~{2}-THE PROHIBITION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:~~

~~{I}-REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEAL, TRAVEL, AND LODGING EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED BY THE OFFICIAL IN ENGAGING IN AN ACTIVITY DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR~~

~~{II}-ACCEPTANCE OR RECEIPT OF GIFTS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (C){2} AND (3) OF THIS SECTION.~~