

the individual or a person that employs the individual is precluded from engaging in certain activities; prohibiting a person from being employed as a registrant for compensation dependent on the outcome of certain executive actions; making a technical change; and generally relating to revision of the State ethics law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 40A – Maryland Public Ethics Law
 Section 1-201(t) and (dd) and 5-104
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1993 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article 40A – Maryland Public Ethics Law
 Section ~~3-101(e)~~ 3-110
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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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.

(t) (1) “Lobbyist” means:

(I) [any] 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];

(II) [any] 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; OR

(III) ANY PERSON WHO IS ~~ENGAGED~~ EMPLOYED TO INFLUENCE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON ANY PROCUREMENT CONTRACT, AS DEFINED IN § 11-101 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THAT EXCEEDS \$100,000.

(2) “LOBBYIST” DOES NOT INCLUDE A BONA FIDE SALESPERSON OR COMMERCIAL SELLING AGENCY EMPLOYED OR MAINTAINED BY AN EMPLOYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING OR SECURING A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT UNLESS THE PERSON ENGAGES IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (1) (I) AND (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING ACTION ON THE CONTRACT.