

[(5)] (E) "Local official" means:

[(i)] (1) A member of the County Council of Prince George's County or the County Executive of Prince George's County; or

[(ii)](2) A member of the County Council of Montgomery County or the County Executive of Montgomery County.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 40A, § 6-304(a).

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[(b)](A) Beginning with the effective date of a lobbying registration and extending through the ending date of the registration period, a lobbyist who lobbies a local official, or a person acting on behalf of the lobbyist, may not:

(1) Solicit or transmit directly or indirectly a contribution from any person, including a political committee, for the benefit of a local official or candidate;

(2) Serve on a fund-raising committee of, or a political committee for the benefit of, a local official or candidate; or

(3) Act as a treasurer or chairman of a political committee for the benefit of a local official or candidate.

[(c)](B) This [section] PART VI may not be construed to prohibit a lobbyist from:

(1) Making a personal contribution within the limitations established under Article 33 of the Code; or

(2) Informing the lobbyist's employer or others of the positions taken by a particular candidate for office.

[(d)](C) (1) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of this [section] PART VI is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

(2) If the person is a business entity and not a natural person, each officer and partner of the business entity who knowingly authorized or participated in the violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to the same penalties as the business entity.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 40A, § 6-304(b) through (d).

SUBTITLE 9. ENFORCEMENT.

15-901. PETITION BY COMMISSION.

TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH AN ORDER, OR TO SEEK OTHER RELIEF AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE, THE ETHICS COMMISSION MAY FILE A PETITION IN A CIRCUIT COURT WITH VENUE OVER THE PROCEEDING.