

CHAPTER 647

(House Bill 196)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County Ethics Bill

Ho. Co. 1-97

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant in certain zoning proceedings in Howard County to file a certain affidavit stating whether the applicant is engaging in business with certain elected officials when the application has been filed; requiring an applicant who begins engaging in business with certain elected officials between the filing of an application and the disposition of the application to file an affidavit at a certain time; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to Ethics Law provisions for Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 15-848 and 15-849

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 15-850

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

15-848.

(a) In this Part VII the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Applicant" means an individual or a business entity that is, with regard to the land that is the subject of the application:

(i) a title owner, assignee, or contract purchaser of the land;

(ii) a trustee that has an interest in the land, other than as a trustee described in a mortgage or deed of trust; or

(iii) a holder of a 5% or greater interest in the business entity that has an interest in the land if: