

~~given by registered lobbyists who are involved in personal relationships of a romantic nature with the officials or employees if the relationships are disclosed by the official; requiring certain officials to report certain relationships with registered lobbyists to the State Ethics Commission; exempting certain gifts received by certain officials from certain reporting requirements; requiring certain registered lobbyists to report certain marriages or relationships with certain officials or certain employees to the State Ethics Commission; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the acceptance and reporting of gifts from certain registered lobbyists to certain officials and certain employees providing an exception to the lobbyist gift disclosure requirements as to gifts to certain family members of the regulated lobbyist; specifying certain conditions for this exception; and making this Act an emergency measure.~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments;~~

~~Article - State Government~~

~~Section 15-505(a) and (b)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

~~Section 15-505(e), 15-607(e), and 15-704(b), (d), and (e)~~

Section 15-704

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

~~Article - State Government~~

~~Section 15-607(k) and 15-704(g)~~

~~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

15-505.

(a) (1) ~~An official or employee may not solicit any gift.~~

(2) ~~A regulated lobbyist described in subsection (b) (4) of this section may not knowingly make a gift, directly or indirectly, to an official or employee that the regulated lobbyist knows or has reason to know is in violation of this section.~~

(b) ~~Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from an entity that the official or employee knows or has reason to know:~~