

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-102(w) through (ll), respectively, of Article - State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 15-102(x) through (mm), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

2-107. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "RELATIVE" MEANS:

- (1) A SPOUSE;
- (2) A PARENT OR STEPPARENT;
- (3) A SIBLING OR STEP SIBLING;
- (4) A CHILD, STEPCHILD, FOSTER CHILD, OR WARD;
- (5) A MOTHER-IN-LAW OR FATHER-IN-LAW;
- (6) A SON-IN-LAW OR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW;
- (7) A GRANDPARENT; OR
- (8) A GRANDCHILD.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT EMPLOY FOR LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS THE MEMBER'S OWN RELATIVE, OR THE RELATIVE OF ANOTHER MEMBER FROM THE SAME LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, USING PUBLIC FUNDS OVER WHICH THE MEMBER HAS DIRECT CONTROL.

(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO:

(I) HAS A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT NECESSITATES THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PARTICULAR RELATIVE; AND

(II) DISCLOSES THE EMPLOYMENT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS.

2-108. USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY LEGISLATORS.

(A) PUBLIC RESOURCES MAY BE USED BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT INCIDENTAL USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR NONPUBLIC PURPOSES.

2-703. Membership.

(a) (1) The Committee consists of the following 12 REGULAR members: