

2. Assure the availability of competent services to the public; and

(ii) The number of exemptions granted hereunder has not tended to erode the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection or other provisions of this article.

(b) (1) A former official or employee, except a former member of the General Assembly, may not assist or represent another party other than the State for compensation in a case, contract, or other specific matter involving the State government if that matter is one in which he significantly participated as an official or employee.

(2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THE COMMISSION WHERE ASSISTANCE OR REPRESENTATION DOES NOT CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR THE APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT, A FORMER OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY NOT ASSIST OR REPRESENT ANOTHER PARTY OTHER THAN THE STATE FOR COMPENSATION IN A CASE, CONTRACT, OR OTHER SPECIFIC MATTER INVOLVING STATE GOVERNMENT FOR 12 MONTHS AFTER LEAVING STATE SERVICE IF THE MATTER WAS PENDING OR EXISTING WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS OF THAT OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S STATE SERVICE.

(3) THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:

(I) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; OR

(II) A PART-TIME MEMBER OF A BOARD OR COMMISSION.

(c) An official or employee may not assist or represent a party for contingent compensation in any matter before or involving any agency of the State or a political subdivision other than in a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding; provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude an official or employee from assisting or representing a party for contingent compensation in any matter before or involving the Workmen's Compensation Commission, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, or the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the contrary, a full-time official or employee in the judicial branch may not represent any party before a court or agency of the judicial branch, except in the discharge of his official duties.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

May 24, 1991

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates