Sincerely, William Donald Schaefer Governor

House Bill No. 1249

AN ACT concerning

Investment Advisers – Definition and Exemptions

FOR the purpose of altering the <u>definition</u> <u>definitions</u> of "investment adviser" <u>and</u> "<u>investment adviser representative</u>" under the Maryland Securities Act in order to exempt certain persons under certain circumstances; <u>altering repealing</u> a certain exemption from registration under the Maryland Securities Act for certain persons under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the regulation of certain persons under the Maryland Securities Act under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Corporations and Associations

Section 11-101(f) and (g) and 11-401

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Section 11 101(b), (c), and (g) 11-101(b) and (c)

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

Article - Corporations and Associations

11-101.

- (b) (1) "Agent" means an individual other than a broker-dealer who represents a broker-dealer or issuer in effecting or attempting to effect the purchase or sale of securities.
- (2) "Agent" includes a partner, officer, or director of a broker-dealer or issuer, or a person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, only if he otherwise comes within this definition.
 - (3) "Agent" does not include an individual who represents an issuer in:
- (i) Effecting a transaction in a security exempted by § 11-601(1), (2), (3), (9)(i), (10), or (11) of this title;