

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 478

(House Bill 468)

AN ACT concerning

Lawyers - Solicitation of Clients - Requirements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a lawyer, or a lawyer's agent or employee, from sending specified forms of communication to certain persons unless the communication meets certain requirements; requiring a person who sends certain communications to file a copy of the communication and certain information with the Bar Counsel under certain circumstances; providing for certain penalties; making provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to solicitation of concerning lawyer services under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10-605.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10-606(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

10-605.2.

(A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A COMMUNICATION:

(+) (I) IN A FORM DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION;

(+) (II) SENT BY A LAWYER, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE, TO A PROSPECTIVE CLIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT; AND

(+) (III) IF THE COMMUNICATION CONCERNS: