

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 5 through 14, inclusive, of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Employment of Legislative Counsel and Agents and Return of Legislative Expenses," be and they are hereby repealed and that new Sections 5 through 14, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof to said Article of said Code, to stand in the place of the Sections so repealed, to be under the new subtitle "Legislative Agents," and to read as follows:*

*Legislative Agents*

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*Definitions: As used in this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated:*

(1) "Legislative Agent" means a person, who for compensation received or to be received from an employer, appears before the General Assembly, the Legislative Council, any committees, subcommittees, or members thereof, during any calendar year to promote, advocate, influence or oppose, directly or indirectly, any matter pending before ~~or proposed to be considered by the General Assembly~~ THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ANY COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES, OR MEMBERS THEREOF.

(2) "Compensation" means any money or thing of value received or to be received by one acting as a legislative agent from an employer, whether in the form of fee, salary, expenses, forbearance, forgiveness, or any other form of recompense, and any combination thereof.

(3) "Employer" means any person paying or agreeing to pay compensation in the course of employment of a person as a legislative agent.

(4) "Person" includes an ~~association, firm or corporation~~ INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OR GROUP OF PERSONS.

(5) "Docket" means a record maintained by the Secretary of State in which are registered the name, residence and occupation of the person employed, together with the name and business address of the employer, the date of employment or agreement thereof, the length of time the employment is to continue and the special subject or subjects of legislation to which the employment relates, together with other information hereinafter required.

(6) "General Assembly" includes any member, committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly or of the Legislative Council.

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*An official or representative of the United States or of the State of Maryland or of any governmental unit, agency or instrumentality who as part of his regular duties or by special direction of his employer appears before the General Assembly to represent the views of his employer shall not be considered a legislative agent. However, it shall be the duty of any person exempted under this provision clearly to make known to the General Assembly the agency for*