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

Article — State Government

15-505.

(a) (1) An official or employee may not solicit any gift.

(2) A REGULATED LOBBYIST DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE A GIFT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE THAT THE REGULATED LOBBYIST KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from an entity that the official or employee knows or has reason to know:

(1) does or seeks to do any business, regardless of amount, with the official's or employee's unit;

(2) engages in an activity that is regulated or controlled by the official's or employee's governmental unit;

(3) has a financial interest that may be affected substantially and materially, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties; or

(4) is a regulated lobbyist with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the official or employee.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, an official or employee may accept a gift specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection unless: