

# HOUSE BILL 1136

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By: **Delegates Adams, Anderton, and Ghrist**  
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics – Former Employees and Officials – Employment Restriction**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the prohibition on a former State employee or official  
4 representing or assisting a party for compensation on certain matters to limit it to a  
5 certain period after leaving State office; and generally relating to public ethics and  
6 former officials and employees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – General Provisions  
9 Section 5–504(d)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – General Provisions**

15 5–504.

16 (d) (1) Except for a former member of the General Assembly, who shall be  
17 subject to the restrictions provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, **FOR 1 YEAR**  
18 **FROM THE DATE AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE LEAVES STATE OFFICE**, a former official  
19 or employee may not assist or represent a party, other than the State, in a case, a contract,  
20 or any other specific matter for compensation if:

21 (i) the matter involves State government; and

22 (ii) the former official or employee participated significantly in the  
23 matter as an official or employee.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)   (i)    In this paragraph, “legislative action” does not include testimony  
2 or other advocacy in an official capacity as a member of the General Assembly before a unit  
3 of State or local government.

4                   (ii)   Except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph:

5                   1.    a former member of the General Assembly may not assist  
6 or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative  
7 action for 1 calendar year from the date the member leaves office; and

8                   2.    a former Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney  
9 General, Comptroller, State Treasurer, or secretary of a principal department of the  
10 Executive Branch may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter  
11 that is the subject of legislative action for 1 calendar year from the date the official leaves  
12 State office.

13                   (iii) The limitation under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph on  
14 representation by a former member of the General Assembly, Governor, Lieutenant  
15 Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, State Treasurer, or secretary of a principal  
16 department of the Executive Branch does not apply to representation of a municipal  
17 corporation, county, or State governmental entity.

18                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2022.