

# HOUSE BILL 447

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By: **Delegates George and Walker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Nonfederal Out-of-State Political Committee – Transfer**  
3 **Limits**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the definition of “campaign finance entity” that included  
5 a nonfederal out-of-state political committee as a campaign finance entity for  
6 the purposes of certain provisions of law regarding campaign finance transfer  
7 limits; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to limits on  
8 campaign finance transfers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Election Law  
11 Section 13–227  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2010 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 13–227.

18 (a) [In this section, a “campaign finance entity” includes a nonfederal  
19 out-of-state political committee.

20 (b)] The limit on transfers set forth in subsection [(c)] (B) of this section does  
21 not apply to a transfer:

22 (1) by a campaign finance entity to a ballot issue committee;

23 (2) between or among:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) political committees that are State or local central  
2 committees of the same political party;

3 (ii) a slate and the campaign finance entities of its members;  
4 and

5 (iii) the campaign finance entities of a candidate.

6 **[(c)] (B)** During an election cycle, a campaign finance entity may not  
7 directly or indirectly make transfers in a cumulative amount of more than \$6,000 to  
8 any one other campaign finance entity.

9 **[(d)] (C)** (1) All affiliated campaign finance entities are treated as a  
10 single entity in determining:

11 (i) the amount of transfers made by a campaign finance entity;  
12 and

13 (ii) the amount of transfers received by a campaign finance  
14 entity.

15 (2) Campaign finance entities are deemed to be affiliated if they:

16 (i) are organized and operated in coordination and cooperation  
17 with each other; or

18 (ii) otherwise conduct their operations and make their decisions  
19 relating to transfers and other contributions under the control of the same individual  
20 or entity.

21 **[(e)] (D)** The limit on transfers to the campaign finance entities of a  
22 candidate prescribed in subsection **[(c)] (B)** of this section applies regardless of the  
23 number of offices sought by the candidate.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 January 1, 2012.