

SENATE BILL 1024

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By: **Senator Brinkley**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2014

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics Law – Prestige of Office – Prohibited Use**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an official from using the prestige of office or public
4 position to solicit, compel, or oblige a public or private entity to enter into an
5 agreement with a labor organization; and generally relating to the prohibited
6 use of an official's prestige of office and public ethics.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – General Provisions
9 Section 5–506
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
12 2014)

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

15 **Article – General Provisions**

16 5–506.

17 (a) An official or employee may not intentionally use the prestige of office or
18 public position for that official's or employee's private gain or that of another.

19 (b) The performance of usual and customary constituent services, without
20 additional compensation, is not prohibited under subsection (a) of this section.

21 **(C) AN OFFICIAL MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY USE THE PRESTIGE OF**
22 **OFFICE OR PUBLIC POSITION TO SOLICIT, COMPEL, OR OBLIGE A PUBLIC OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 PRIVATE ENTITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A LABOR
2 ORGANIZATION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2014.