

10 **AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE’S STANDING RULES OF**
20 **ORDER**

30 FOR the purpose of preserving decorum during Maryland Student Legislature events and raising revenue
40 for Maryland Student Legislature.

50 BY repealing, amending, and reenacting
60 I. Scope and Precedence—§10. Order and Decorum

70 **WHEREAS:** Some delegations of Maryland Student Legislature have been delinquent in paying their fees;
80 and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The current economic climate has resulted in paying for Maryland Student Legislature events
100 a hardship for some delegations, delegates, and Student Government Associations at some universities;
110 and,

120 **WHEREAS:** In appropriate language often peppers delegates’ language on the debate floor during
130 Maryland Student Legislature events; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** This compromises the integrity of the Maryland Student Legislature.

150 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,** That the Standing Rules of
160 Order of the Maryland Student Legislature be amended as follows.

170 I. Scope and Precedence

180 §5. Order and Decorum

190 (b) If a member violates any of these rules, the Presiding Officer shall call the member to order, and any
200 member of the General Assembly may request the Presiding Officer to do so. The Presiding Officer may
210 take any reasonable action necessary to compel the member to observe the call for order, INCLUDING
220 COMPELLING THE MEMBER TO PAY A FINE OF ONE DOLLAR PER OFFENSE INTO A GLASS
230 JAR LABELED “MSL SWEAR JAR.” All questions of order shall be determined by the Presiding Officer
240 without debate.

250 SECTION 2. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,**
260 That this change to the Standing Rules of Order of the Maryland Student Legislature shall take effect
270 immediately upon passage.

280 **MANDATES:** Speaker of the Assembly Matt Emery
290 2010-2011 Maryland Student Legislature Council of State
300 Chairman of the Board of Directors Brian Griffiths

Sponsors:

Secretary of State Kathleen Mettle, UMBC
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