

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2013 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 381 (Delegate Tarrant, *et al.*)  
Environmental Matters

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General Assembly Members - Business Communications as Private Citizens -  
Notice

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This bill authorizes specified members of the General Assembly to include the following statement in a “business communication”: “Please note that I am not acting in my capacity as a member of the Maryland General Assembly.”

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not substantively change State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The bill’s provisions apply to a member of the General Assembly who is (1) self-employed; (2) a consultant to a business entity doing business in the State; or (3) an independent contractor who contracts with a business entity doing business in the State. A “business communication” is a communication that is written and relates to the occupation of a member of the General Assembly as a private citizen.

**Current Law:** Members of the General Assembly are neither prohibited nor required to include the specified statement in a business communication.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 495 (Senator Pugh, *et al.*) - Rules.

**Information Source(s):** State Ethics Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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