

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 170 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - State Commission on Ethics)
Commerce and Government Matters

Public Ethics - Lobbyists - Disclosure of Gifts to Officials and Employees

This departmental bill requires regulated lobbyists to file a report by January 31 of each year that identifies officials or employees who received a gift as of December 31 of the preceding year if the recipient of the gift would have to be named in the lobbyists' regular May 31 report. The bill remedies inconsistencies that sometimes occur between officials' and lobbyists' disclosure reports with regard to gifts given in November or December because of the difference between lobbyists' and officials' reporting cycles.

This bill is effective November 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any workload increase stemming from this bill could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The State Ethics Commission has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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