

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 495 (Delegate Curran)
Commerce and Government Matters

Ethics Law - Gifts - Officials

This bill changes requirements under the Public Ethics Law with regard to public officials' acceptance and reporting of gifts. Specifically, the bill provides that (1) the spouse or other personal guest of an elected official may accept meals or beverages as a gift from a lobbyist; (2) an elected constitutional officer may accept tickets or free admission to participate in a recreational sporting event as a gift; (3) a member of the General Assembly is not required to report attendance at a special event as a gift if it is reported by a lobbyist; and (4) a regulated lobbyist must report expenditures associated with special events to which all members of a county delegation or select committee of the General Assembly were invited for the purpose of influencing executive or legislative action.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental revenues.

Local Effect: None.

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