

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 90 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
(Departmental - Ethics, State Commission on)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Gift Disclosure - Lobbyists**

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This departmental bill exempts from the disclosure requirements under the Ethics Law a lobbyist's gift to that lobbyist's immediate family. The gift must be personal and private in nature and must not be related to lobbying activities. The gift must also be paid for by the lobbyist's personal funds. However, the State Ethics Commission retains the authority to require that a gift meeting the above requirements be disclosed if the commission determines that it is necessary.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Reducing the disclosure requirements and revising the reporting form would not materially affect the Ethics Commission's finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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

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