

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 894 (Senator Della)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Election Law - Campaign Contributions by Lobbyists

This bill prohibits a lobbyist from making a personal contribution to a member or candidate for election to the General Assembly. Violators are subject to applicable current law penalties of a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding one year. However, a lobbyist may make an independent expenditure.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal revenue and expenditure increase due to the applicable penalties.

Local Effect: Potential minimal expenditure increase due to the applicable penalties.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill prohibits personal contributions but would not affect the business of a lobbyist.

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