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By: **Senator Middleton**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Health Club Services - Registration Renewal Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain persons who provide health club services from  
4 paying the annual registration renewal fee required under the Maryland Health  
5 Club Services Act.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Commercial Law  
8 Section 14-12B-02(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Commercial Law**

14 14-12B-02.

15 (b) (1) Each person who registers under this subtitle shall pay a registration  
16 fee at the time of registration.

17 (2) (I) On September 1 of each year following the initial registration,  
18 each registered person shall pay a renewal fee to the Division.

19 (II) THE RENEWAL FEE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF  
20 THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A REGISTERED PERSON WHO DOES NOT  
21 COLLECT MORE THAN 1 MONTH'S PAYMENT IN ADVANCE FROM THE BUYER OF THE  
22 HEALTH CLUB SERVICE.

23 (3) The fees for registration and renewal required under this subsection  
24 shall be set by the Division:

25 (i) In an amount not exceeding \$800 for a person who is required to  
26 purchase a surety bond or file an irrevocable letter of credit or cash under subsection  
27 (e) of this section; and

1                   (ii)       In an amount not exceeding \$150 for a person who is exempt  
2 from the requirement to purchase a surety bond or file an irrevocable letter of credit  
3 or cash under subsection (e) of this section.

4                   (4)       The fees collected under this subsection may only be used for the  
5 administration and enforcement of this subtitle.

6       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
7 effect July 1, 1998.