

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 377 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - State Ethics Commission)

Commerce and Government Matters

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

This departmental bill requires regulated lobbyists to report by January 31 of each year any gifts given to public officials or employees in the preceding November and December if those gifts would require disclosure on the normal reporting date of May 31. If no gifts were given by the lobbyist during this two-month time frame, the report would not need to be filed. This report is in addition to the existing reporting requirements due by May 31.

This bill is effective November 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The addition of this reporting requirement would not materially affect the Ethics Commission's finances as the number of additional filings is expected to be minimal.

Local Effect: None.

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

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