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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 453 (Senator Della)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City - Adult Entertainment - Prohibition**

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This emergency bill repeals a provision of current law that grants an exception to the prohibition against nude adult entertainment in an establishment with an alcoholic beverages license if the establishment offered adult entertainment as of May 31, 1993. The repeal of the exception also applies to the transferee of the license for the same premises if adult entertainment continues to be offered. The bill also provides that the prohibition against nude adult entertainment applies to "bottle clubs."

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees and bottle clubs with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact on small businesses.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** Since a recent circuit court decision in Baltimore City lifted the ban on nudity in establishments with alcoholic beverages licenses, small businesses that offer this type of entertainment have reportedly experienced an increase in business. To the extent that the bill's prohibitions would decrease business, these establishments would be negatively impacted.

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