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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 247 (Delegate Kagan. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Maryland Condominium Act - Secret Proxies

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This bill requires a proxy cast at a council of condominium unit owners to be cast in secret. The bill prohibits the disclosure, at any time, of the contents of the proxy in a manner that identifies how the individual casting the proxy voted.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Assuming that the Consumer Protection Division receives fewer than 50 complaints as a result of this bill, any additional workload would be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Maryland law permits a condominium unit owner to vote by proxy at a council of condominium unit owners meeting. If the unit owner designates the officers and directors for whom to vote, a proxy may vote in elections of officers and members of the board of directors. A proxy may vote for any other matter of business before the council of unit owners. A proxy may be revoked at any time.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 114 (Senator Ruben, *et al.*) - Judicial Proceedings.

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