Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly 2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 49 (Delegate Getty)

Commerce and Government Matters

Election Law - Contributions - Credit Cards

This bill removes the \$100 per transaction limit on credit card campaign contributions, thereby permitting contributions of up to \$4,000 to be made with a credit card.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Campaign contributions made with a credit card are limited to \$100 per transaction. Monetary contributions in excess of \$100 must be made by check. Total direct and indirect contributions from a single contributor to a candidate or political committee may not exceed \$4,000 during a four-year election cycle.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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