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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 641 (Delegate Morhaim, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Right to Breast-Feed

This bill grants a mother the right to breast-feed her child in any public or private location in which the mother and child are authorized to be, and forbids a person from restricting or limiting the right of a mother to breast-feed her child.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, extensive research documents diverse advantages to infants, mothers, families, and society from breastfeeding. The academy further states that increasing the rates of breastfeeding initiation and duration is a national health objective.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 434 (Senator Hollinger, *et al.*) – Economic and Environmental Affairs.

Information Source(s): American Academy of Pediatrics, *Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk* (RE9729), Volume 100, No. 6, December 1997, pp. 1035-1039; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Department of Legislative Services

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