

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 419 (Senator Frosh, *et al.*)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Ethics - Gifts of Food or Beverages at Meetings of Legislative Organizations

This bill provides that a member of the General Assembly may accept gifts of food or beverages at a meeting of a legislative organization for which the member's presiding officer has approved the member's attendance at State expense, provided that all legislators attending the meeting are invited to the occasion at which the food and beverages are served.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A member of the General Assembly may accept gifts of food or beverages at a meeting of a legislative organization for which the member's presiding officer has approved the member's attendance at State expense. There is no requirement that all legislators attending the meeting of the legislative organization be invited to the occasion where the food and beverages are served.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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