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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 681 (Delegate Getty, *et al.*)
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: Two identical bills were introduced during the 2001 and 2000 sessions. HB 1255 was unfavorably reported from the Commerce and Government Matters Committee during the 2001 session, and HB 49 was passed by the House, but not

reported from the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, during the 2000 session.

Cross File: None.

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